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Comment of the day

What's the use?

It is almost with a note of despair that we ask of what use it is Government spending millions of dollars on improving roads, installing safety precautions, and posting policemen about information on the use and abuse of the roads, if their strictures and information are treated with well favoured contempt?

For contempt it is. It is of no use any ill-informed visitor or kindly intentioned resident trying to say that people do not know how to use the roads. Government has placarded the danger zones; held road safety exhibitions to which the public and the school-children were invited; placed policemen at accident black spots; and has tried in a hundred different ways to arouse civic responsibility.

The point about it is that Government is trying to save life, not impose an irritating, meaningless restriction on Hongkong's citizens. But the response is sheer contempt.

LOOK at Nathan-road. At the cost of enormous expense and labour, this main artery of Kowloon has been levelled and down its centre a railing forbids heedless crossing of the road, while controlled traffic crossings ensure the pedestrian's safety.

Go down Nathan-road any time you like and you will see the heedless pedestrians jay-walking in the road and vaulting the rail, landing them stumbling in front of the oncoming traffic. The only purpose this rail has served is that the erstwhile on foot behind the wheel is now unable to execute his erratic U-turns.

On the roads leading off Nathan-road to the airport, roundabouts have been constructed approached by triangular intersections, constructed by an over-optimistic department of Government, with the obvious intention of forcing the driver to approach at a controllable speed, and the pedestrian to co-operate by crossing at the clearly indicated zones.

Whatever the good intentions, the results are alarming. The car who would sooner wreck his car or risk the lesser hazard of breaking his neck approaches these obstacles at a breakneck speed as if they were placed there for his delight, while the pedestrian weaves his fatuous way in and out of the traffic.

In a more restricted sense, the same contempt for authority exists in Queen's-road. All day long irresponsible people are leaping the rails. While to stand at the two controlled crossings and see these freebooters ignore the policeman and grin with contempt as they weave through the traffic is to wish that they could at least encounter a painful brush to knock some sense into their heads.

Queen's-road East is a driver's nightmare. Not all the crossings, or the patient constables shepherding these irresponsible hoppers, are responsible for the chaos. We might suggest a sort of pond where impatient folk could cool down for thirty minutes; and in the case of motorists the immediate confiscation of their licence for a fortnight or so.

Counter-espionage agents raid London homes CAMERAS, RADIO UNCOVERED

Large amounts of money found

London, Feb. 8. British counterespionage agents today told where they found evidence against three men and two women accused of stealing Western naval secrets for Moscow.

Scotland Yard Special Branch officers testified during a preliminary hearing at Bow-street court that they uncovered tools of the spy trade in a Bible, under a trapdoor beneath a kitchen sink, in an almost empty box of matches, in the leather of an old belt and in a bag in a garden shed.

They said they found the evidence at the homes of the five defendants—Gordon Lonsdale, 38; Henry Houghton, 55, and Ethel Gee, 40, both Admiralty employees; and silver-haired bookseller Peter Kroger, 55, and his wife Helen, 47.

During the two days of hearings in Bow-street court, the prosecutors alleged that Houghton and Ethel Gee stole fleet orders, communication secrets, anti-submarine research data and other information from Britain's Portland naval base.

Spy bank

Lonsdale, whom the prosecution said "seems to be a Russian," allegedly recruited them and took their stolen secrets to the Kroger's neat little bungalow near the U.S. Air Force base at South Ruislip. The Kroger home, according to the prosecution, served as the spy radio station to Moscow and as a spy ring bank.

The counterespionage said in the Kroger home they found:

- ★ A Ronson table cigarette lighter with secret compartments containing negatives.
 - ★ A powerful radio hidden in a shopping bag under a trapdoor beneath the kitchen sink.
 - ★ Headphones and another radio in the living room.
 - ★ Money, cameras and a long aerial in the attic.
 - ★ A talcum powder can with secret compartments in the bathroom cupboard.
 - ★ A microscope, film, slides and 200 five-pound notes in the bedroom.
- Lonsdale's luxurious apartment in London also contained a hoard of money, according to police. They testified that in the alleged master spy's flat they found: US\$300 in US\$20 notes hidden in a secret cavity in an old belt; a talcum can with a secret compartment holding microfilm pictures of secret naval communication plans; a magnifying glass in the bathroom cupboard; US\$300 in a Chinese scroll over Lonsdale's bed, and a leather bag full of photographic gear.

Police said Houghton was paid about £740 a year but had £1,150 hidden at his home in a cupboard and in a garden shed. Naval maps and a match box containing four matches and

a navy plan were found at his home, police said. Police testified Miss Gee shared a house with a 76-year-old uncle, her 80-year-old mother and an 80-year-old aunt. The counterespionage said Miss Gee, who was paid less than £700 a year, was found to have securities and cash worth about £4,000.

The court continues the hearing tomorrow.—UPI.

FULL WATER SUPPLY FOR 8 DAYS

A round-the-clock supply of water will be available throughout the Colony over the Chinese New Year holidays, the Water Authority announced today.

An uninterrupted supply of water will be given from 6 am on Tuesday, February 14 until 11 am on Wednesday, February 22. Thereafter the Colony will revert to the present 10 hours supply.

SHOCK FIND IN TRAIN FROM CHINA

Nine Chinese men were found almost frozen to death inside a refrigerated wagon attached to the KCR train which arrived in Tsimshatsui at 3.58 pm yesterday from China.

Porters unloading frozen meat from the refrigerated wagon were shocked to find the nine men lying pale and rigid in sub-zero temperature.

The wagon was attached to the end of the train which was said to have arrived direct from Canton.

The young men, all aged under 25, had been in deep-freeze for at least four to five hours before they reached Tsimshatsui.

They were unconscious when taken out of the wagon.

Police and rescue team immediately set about reviving them. They were later placed in police custody.

A government spokesman said enquiries are proceeding.

HK telephone tapping question in Commons

London, Feb. 8. Mr Ernest Thornton (Labour) asked the Colonial Secretary in the House of Commons today on how many occasions the tapping of private telephone lines in Hongkong were tapped by the Hongkong Police in 1960. He also asked how many recordings of telephone conversations were made by this means and who was responsible for the custody of these recordings.

Mr Thornton, further asked by what authority the Hongkong Telephone Company made the technical arrangements for the tapping of private telephone lines, and for how long they had been so employed. Mr Iain Macleod replied:

"I am advised the authority under which the Governor of Hongkong may require the Hongkong Telephone Company to intercept telephone

BUFFER STATE



KENNEDY MAY RECOGNISE THE LAND THAT REDS ARE FIGHTING OVER

From RENE MacCOLL

Washington, Feb. 8. The possibility of setting up diplomatic relations between the United States and Outer Mongolia is being considered by a group of President Kennedy's State Department advisers.

Outer Mongolia is a 2,000,000 square mile mass of grassy upland, inhabited by about 5,000,000 Nomadic Asiatic cowboys.

The importance of the Mongolian People's Republic is twofold:

- 1 Its position—with the Siberian provinces of the Soviet Union to the north, and the Red Chinese province of Sinkiang to the south.
- 2 On the east it borders Manchuria and to the west, the Turkistan provinces of Russia.

But in the past few years Mao Tse-tung's men have made great efforts to oust Russian influence.

Huge numbers of Chinese labourers and "advisers" have been sent to Outer Mongolia. The Russians, alarmed, have been forced to counter Peking's constant propaganda that Outer Mongolia might like to merge "her Asiatic brothers" in Inner Mongolia—still a part of Red China.

Disconcerting?

The setting up of an American Embassy in Ulan Bator, in line with the Kennedy Administration's "new frontier" diplomacy—might be highly disconcerting to the Reds.

None of the arguments against recognition of China applies in the case of Mongolia—she has no American prisoners and has no expansionist or aggressive intentions, such as Peking has displayed over Formosa, Tibet, and India.

And since America already maintains diplomatic relations with such satellite countries as Bulgaria, Poland, and Czechoslovakia, there is nothing against it in principle.

An American Embassy in Ulan Bator would provide at the least a valuable "listening post" deep in the heart of Asia.

The warden, William George Alston, 34, also known as "The Chevalier Gun Kid", was committed for trial on charges of having aided three prisoners to escape—all were recaptured—and of having given cell-key impressions to two other prisoners.

Nine prisoners testified that Alston had sold them hacksaw blades (£1), and cell key impressions (from £3 to £5). They also quoted prices for master keys to a cell block as £10 and the master key to the whole jail as £25.—UPI.

London, Feb. 8. Police launched widespread investigations in the Greek Cypriot area of London today after a gang of youths wrecked two Greek Cypriot cafes with home-made bombs, milk bottles, knuckle dusters and bicycle chains last night.

Three customers—all Greeks—were taken to hospital with cuts and bruises. Both cafes, in a dingy part of Camden Town, were strewn with broken glass.

"It would not be in the public interest to disclose details about the use of the authority,"—Reuters.

Qantas money theft

San Francisco, Feb. 8. Two men arrested for the theft of \$100,000 shipped from Hongkong to a San Francisco bank were indicted yesterday by the Federal Grand Jury. James L. Chapman, 28, a cargo agent for Qantas Empire Airways, was charged with taking the money on January 25 from a Qantas safe at San Francisco International airport. Thomas J. Darling, 32, a San Francisco insurance clerk, was charged with possession of some of the money and also with failure to inform officers of his knowledge that it was stolen. Virtually all the money was recovered. It had been consigned to the Crocker-Anglo National Bank.—AP.

Felt better

Bonn, Feb. 8. A man who threw rocks from a motor scooter at women and young girls because he "hated all healthy people" was sentenced to eight years in prison today.

Ludwig Riles, 25, was convicted on four counts of attempted murder and several lesser charges.

"I always felt better afterwards," he said.—UPI.

Government wins vote on National Health

London, Feb. 8. The British Government tonight defeated a Labour motion censuring it for increasing charges to the public for the National Health Service by about £65 million a year.

The voting was 321-231—a Government majority of 90.

The Labour motion deplored the increases as indicating that the Government was determined "to undermine the health service and place heavy burdens on those least able to bear them."

Government spokesman replied that it was essential to keep the cost of the service, now running at over £650 million a year, within bounds.

Mr Enoch Powell, Minister of Health, promised to do something to reduce the service's drug bill of about £90 million a year.

In negotiations with the industry, the Government would not overlook any genuine possibility of securing a true and economic price for drugs supplied through the pharmaceutical service, he said.

Chief target of criticism by Labour members tonight was the Government's decision to double the charge for each item on a doctor's prescription (from one shilling to two).—Reuters.

Bombs thrown in London cafes

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Eyewitnesses said the youths threw bombs into one cafe, then kicked down the door of the second one, only a few yards away, and set about beating up an old man who had been eating his dinner.

One Greek cafe proprietor said friction had grown between "Teddy Boys" and Greeks in the area because Greek Cypriot youths had been pinching their girl friends.—Reuters.

PORTUGUESE OPPOSITION PUBLICISED

Lisbon, Feb. 8. All four Lisbon evening newspapers published tonight the full text of the communique of the three opposition leaders who on Monday urged President Americo Tomas to restore "fundamental liberties" to the nation.

It is a long time since the people of Portugal read in their newspapers such outspoken criticism of the Government of Dr Antonio de Oliveira Salazar as they did tonight.

An official spokesman said: "The Government considered it to be its duty to give the highest publicity to this communique, because it will provoke a healthy reaction of public opinion."

The spokesman said the fact that three of the Lisbon evening newspapers published, in addition to the communique, editorial comment critical of the Government's view that publication would cause a "healthy reaction."

The spokesman added: "The Government does not consider the interview granted by the President to be of any particular importance. The three visitors were received only as private citizens, and not as representatives of the opposition."

The Independent Diario Ilustrado commented tonight that the rising of political questions at this moment could "only lead to divisions and confusions."

Meanwhile, the Lusitania news agency said today in a report from Angola, 100 people had been arrested in Luanda in connection with three attacks on police posts on February 4 in which 10 persons were believed killed.—Reuters and AP.

Marilyn ill

New York, Feb. 8. Screen-star Marilyn Monroe is being treated in a New York psychiatric clinic for nervous depression following her recent divorce from playwright Arthur Miller, a New York daily newspaper reported today. The report said that Miss Monroe, whose divorce was obtained in Mexico last month, had entered the clinic on December 5 under the name of Faye Miller. It added that, according to her doctor, the star was recovering.—AFP.

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De Gaulle invites Bourguiba to discuss Algeria

Paris, Feb. 8.

General de Gaulle today proposed a February 18 meeting between himself and President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia to discuss the Algerian situation, it was learned here tonight.

The meeting, regarded as an important move towards peace negotiations over Algeria, was made during an hour-long meeting between the French president and the Tunisian Information Minister, Mr Mohamed Masmoudi.

Mr Masmoudi, former Tunisian ambassador in Paris, is expected to fly back to Tunis tomorrow to confer with President Bourguiba on the invitation before the President leaves for his annual health visit to Switzerland.

According to reports from Tunis, President Bourguiba will consult the Algerian insurgent leader, Mr Ferhat Abbas before going to Switzerland.

'CATASTROPHE'

The President is believed anxious to meet General de Gaulle as soon as possible in getting negotiations going between the French government and the insurgents could be "a catastrophe."

Mr Abbas is expected back in Tunis tomorrow or Friday after a visit to Southeast Asia.

French government circles described this morning's talks between General de Gaulle and Mr Masmoudi as "very satisfactory."

While there is no tendency here to regard Algerian peace negotiations as already assured, presidential circles are reasonably optimistic that the De Gaulle-Bourguiba meeting will prove a concrete step in that direction.

FACE CONSEQUENCES

French sources here say that if the insurgents fail to open peace talks, the French government will press on with its plan for setting up autonomous institutions in Algeria, with bringing more and more Moslems into the administration and with intensifying economic development.

The French are prepared to talk on reasonable terms as soon as possible, but say that if the insurgents make preliminary conditions too difficult General de Gaulle is willing to face the consequences.—Reuter.

Negro appointed to high post

Washington, Feb. 8. The Senate Banking Committee today approved President Kennedy's nomination of Robert Weaver, 53-year-old New York Negro, to be Federal Housing Administrator. The post is the highest in the United States to which a Negro has been appointed.—Reuter.

New York to sue electric company

New York, Feb. 8.

New York is to sue the General Electric Company for damages for overcharging, Mr Robert Wagner, the Mayor, said here today. The company was one of 29 electrical groups fined in Philadelphia this week on charges of illegal price fixing and "rigging" bids.

Mr Wagner said the city would sue any and all companies which had supplied equipment and had either pleaded guilty or offered no defense to the Federal charges. "The city will not stand idly by," he added.

He gave no indication how much the city would seek in damages from General Electric. In Washington, President Kennedy told his press secretary today that he hoped the business community would consider what steps it meant to take to lift the "shadow" of monopolistic practices which had led to the Federal charges. The Justice Department in Washington said it expected to file a series of suits to recover sums the Government lost as a result of the identical-bids practice alleged to have extended over the past six years. The Anti-Trust Laws permit the Government to sue for recovery of the actual amount

Loot in Peter Lawford burglary less than reported

New York, Feb. 8. District attorney Frank S. Hogan said today that the loot in the rather mysterious Peter Lawford burglary was not more than \$2,000.

Original reports were that about \$20,000 worth of jewellery and \$1,000 in cash were taken from the Savoy Hilton suite of President Kennedy's sister and brother-in-law while they were in Washington last month for the inauguration.

ANNOUNCED Police were annoyed because they heard nothing about the matter until they read about it in the newspapers several days later.

They got even more so when the British-born actor and his wife ignored pleas for them to get in touch and make a complaint.

So far no one has been charged with the alleged theft.—AP.

Moslems, Hindus battle

Jubbulpore, Feb. 8. Fresh violence flared between Moslems and Hindus in this central Indian city today as military and police units patrolled the streets after a night in which acid was thrown and houses burned.

Two deaths in the latest incidents brought the official death toll to 10. Latest reports give 38 people injured, while 300 people have been arrested since last night.

A curfew is in force and the city's district magistrate tonight described the situation as "tense." He said: "There is panic among the people."—Reuter.

The captain went on a week-long spree

Canterbury, Feb. 8. An Australian yacht captain, Alfred Galt, 35, spent £33 on liquor and cigarettes in a week-long spree, East Kent quarter sessions was told today.

Galt had lived for eight months on board his £3,000 46-ton yacht *Florinda* at Ramsgate, the prosecution said, but left it when he found it was leaking and went to a hotel in the town.

There, with a blonde from Barcelona, Spain, Mrs Ngairi Banyard, 26, he ran up a bill of £60 in a week, the court heard.

But when the hotel manager presented him with his account he had no ready money and he and Mrs Banyard left early in the morning without paying. It was alleged.

FINED

Galt, who said he was the sole beneficiary of a £10,000 trust fund in Australia, was fined £100 and ordered to pay £52 10s costs for obtaining credit by fraud.

The prosecution said he had previous convictions for dishonesty in New Zealand, fraud in Germany and theft in Cambridge.

Galt's counsel, John Gower, said: "His tragedy has been that he knows that trust money is there and will always settle his debts. He bought this yacht to settle down and behave himself. He chartered it out and did some work towing other vessels in the North Sea."—UPL.

Ship sends SOS

Tokyo, Feb. 9. A Japanese vessel today caught fire off the Japanese Pacific coast and has radioed for help, the Japanese Maritime Safety Agency reported.

The Agency said the fire aboard the No. 2 Yuko Maru started in the engine room but no details were available.—AP.

Queen watches from peaks as Duke goes on a hunt

Saidu Sharif, Pakistan, Feb. 8.

The Queen wearing blue slacks and a silk headscarf, went out with binoculars on the snow-capped peaks of the northwest frontier today and watched the Duke of Edinburgh shoot a mixed bag of hill partridges and duck.

Plans are being made by their host, the Wali of Swat, for a mountain goat hunt tomorrow, and Pakistani officials said: "Our information is that the Queen will shoot tomorrow."

The Duke lagged 31 hill partridges out of 73 shot by the party, which went out on the forested hill-top called Sayna Gail for a five-hour shoot soon after breakfast.

INFORMALLY The Queen was dressed informally throughout today's "strictly private" programme. She wore a light-brown wool three-quarter length coat, slacks, headscarf and stout brown walking shoes. Blanket-swathed tribesmen were on the roads to cheer the Queen as she drove out twice today from the Swat capital.

Saidu Sharif, normally a sleepy little mountain town, has been brought to life by the Queen's visit, its bazaars festooned with hunting and royal portraits.—Reuter.

REMOTE STATE

The Queen and the Duke are spending two days of "total relaxation" in the remote state of Swat as guests of the Wali, General Mangul Jahanzeb. The Queen stayed behind when the Duke left for the morning shoot with the two sons of the Wali, the Wali and the Shahzada of Swat.

Later the Queen and the Duke saw an exhibition by an Italian archaeological mission digging for Buddhist relics, and then drove through the colourful bazaar here before joining the shooting party.

The Duke was not in sight when the Queen and the Duke arrived, and they waited 35 minutes. The Queen then walked three-quarters of a mile towards the shoot and watched the Duke through binoculars before he rejoined her.

Later the Queen saw the Duke wade through flooded paddy field at Balogram, eight miles from here, in search of duck. Tomorrow the royal couple will drive to Bahrain, a beauty spot 40 miles to the north, and

U.S. DENIES MANNED SPACE FLIGHT

Washington, Feb. 9.

A spokesman of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration today denied a statement by an American scientist in Sydney that the United States planned to put an astronaut into orbit around the earth in six weeks' time.

The spokesman thought Mr Warren J. Hook was referring to a suborbital flight where a man would be sent straight up in the air and return to earth along the same path.

It had not yet been decided whether the next launching of a Redstone rocket would be manned suborbital flight.

SOME TIME AWAY

But orbital flight was "some time away, probably as much as a year—certainly not in six weeks or six months." President Kennedy said at his press conference that he knew nothing of the Sydney report, and had no information on whether the Russian spunk was manned.

In Canberra, the Australian Supply Minister, Mr Allan Holmes announced today that a Black Knight rocket fired at Woomera last night reached a height of 350 miles and returned to earth 60 miles from its launching pad. The purpose of the firing was to measure radio noise from outer space, but measurements of ionosphere and observation of re-entry phenomena had also been made.—Reuter.

Mac visit to China report denied

London, Feb. 8.

Official sources here tonight categorically denied press reports claiming that Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, was considering visiting China in the autumn for talks with Chinese leaders.

The reports said that the purpose of the visit would be to start a move to bring China into the family of nations.

The officials, in denying the reports, said that these had "no foundation whatsoever."—Reuter.

Britain might back neutral zone in Laos

London, Feb. 8.

The Earl of Home, Foreign Secretary, today indicated Britain might back the proposal of Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia for a neutral zone consisting of Laos and Cambodia.

Speaking on Laos in a foreign policy speech to the House of Lords, he declared: "Our chief aim is quickly to achieve a cease fire and then to consider how the situation of neutrality which was gained in 1954 can be restored, either in Laos alone or perhaps in the wider area proposed by Prince Sihanouk of Cambodia."

Lord Home said he thought it must be in the interests of the Soviet Union as much as of Britain, its Sino allies and the peoples of the countries involved that the fighting in Laos should end.

The essence of the Geneva agreement of 1954, to which the Soviet Union and China subscribed, was that Laos in international politics would be genuinely unaligned.

Stop the fighting

"The most practical step is to send back the International Control Commission now. It would not be necessary for them to work out new and elaborate terms of reference, nor to summon a conference."

"When that has gone to Laos and has reported back, that we suggest, would be the time when we should consider together if any other further steps are needed."

"The immediate thing to do is to stop the fighting and stop it quickly."

Lord Home declared: "Our role interest in Laos is law and order—that the country should be independent. We seek no advantage for ourselves there."

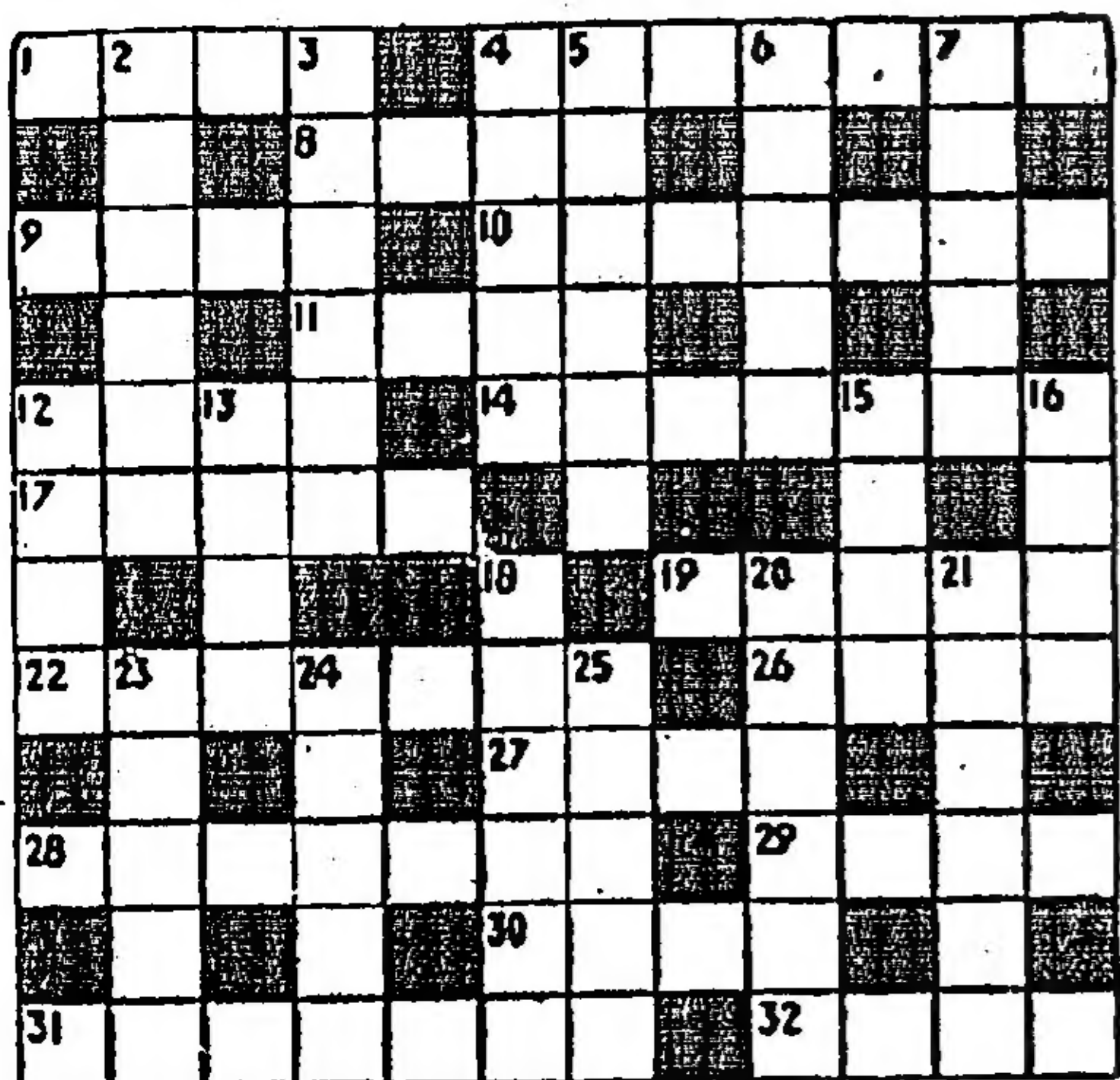
He said he could speak for Britain, the United States and the Sino allies when he said that they sought no forward defensive post there against the Communists.

Korea pattern

On the Congo, Lord Home said: "If the Russian attempt to establish 'friendly' in the Congo had succeeded there would now be an East-West armed frontier in the Congo on the pattern of Korea."

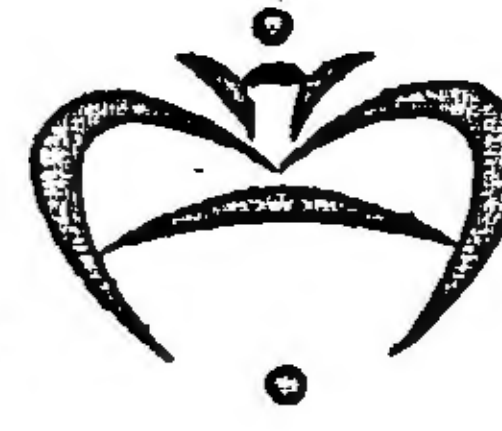
The Foreign Secretary said that Mr Joseph Kasavubu, the Congo President, who had called a round table conference, was "making progress towards an agreed solution."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Bad-tempered crustacean? (4)
 - One, perhaps, on crutches. (7)
 - Drug source. (4)
 - Ruler dragged in the mire? (4)
 - Two men on the surface. (7)
 - When young, little plagues. (4)
 - Nothing on but fish? (4)
 - Highest upright at sea? (7)
 - Prize to the oldest? (5)
 - Part of the skeleton of a boat? (5)
 - Raises mud or drops flour. (7)
 - Take precedence. (4)
 - Greek character. (4)
 - They grow in hands. (7)
 - Don't walk. (4)
 - Personal overhead? (4)
 - Make even more acute. (7)
 - Flag. (4)
- DOWN**
- Symbol of stiffness. (6)
 - Fair exchange? (6)
 - Body of a plane? (5)
 - That's why. (6)
 - May be read or sung. (5)
 - Puts on board. (5)
 - Reputed. (4)
 - Fall to find. (4)
 - Gives one the cold shivers. (4)
 - Ordered verbally. (4)
 - Some tax returned? (6)
 - Wine. (6)
 - May be climbed to success. (6)
 - Do that again? (5)
 - Bird-meat? (5)
 - Facilitates sailing? (5)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Thrash, 5 Bunch, 8 Laden, 9 Madman, 10 Aisle, 11 Tears, 12 Bent, 13 Point, 16 Drains, 18 Credit, 20 Dream, 22 Glad, 23 Seams, 25 Xmas, 26 Easter, 27 Anon, 28 Well, 29 Trusty. Down: 1 Time bomb, 2 Radiance, 3 Slat, 4 Handed, 5 Bear-pl, 6 Union, 7 Colon, 14 Isolates, 15 Tenderly, 16 Demands, 17 Aliment, 18 Hascal, 21 Route, 24 Bear.



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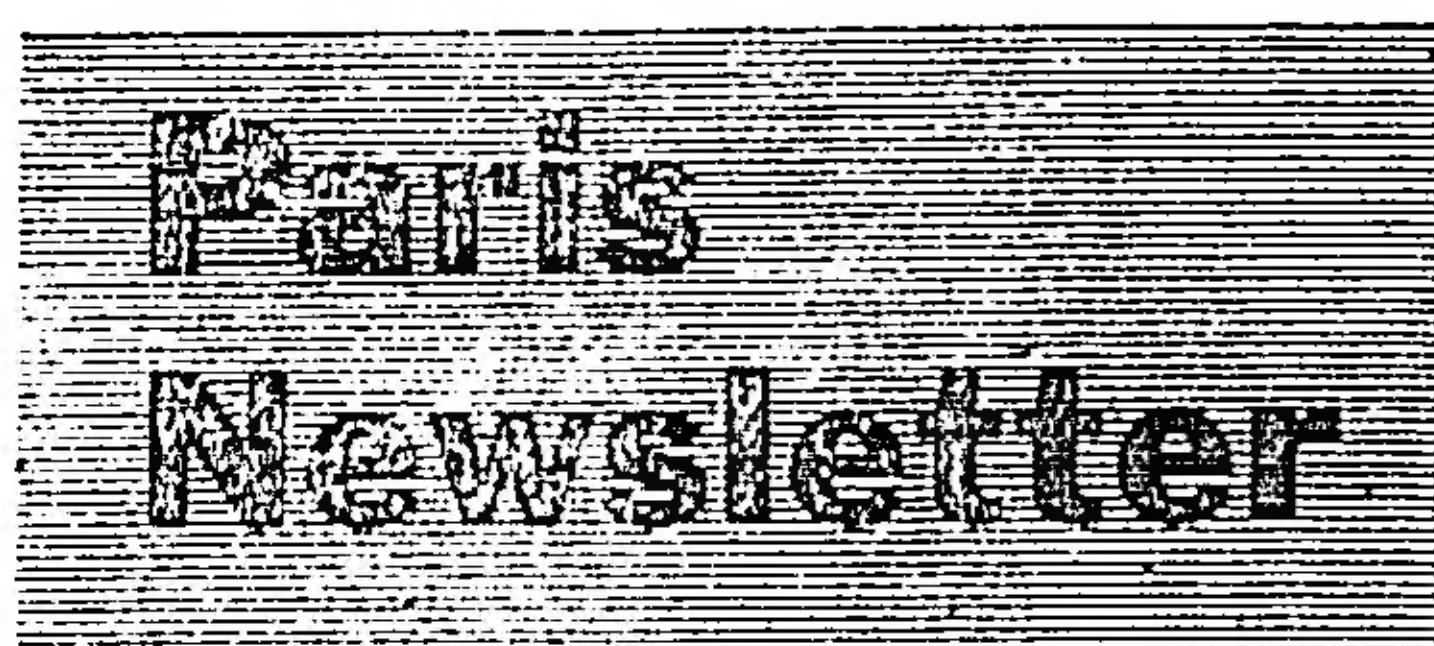
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Oh, my, what they're doing to Monte Carlo!

Paris. THIS is the story of the hole that has been blasted and torn out of the heart of Monte Carlo.

It constitutes a major scandal and one which could not have happened anywhere else in the world. It is now a year since a corner of the square Jean Maréchal, one of the most elegant in the principality, was torn up to lay the foundations for yet another mammoth skyscraper.

Disasters

In the process a small architectural gem, the Villa Beau Mirabeau, which formed an integral part of the square, was destroyed.

The land on which this projected skyscraper was to be built was bought by a Central European financier. Having bought the land he needed further capital to finance the projected flats.

The building boom in Monte Carlo has largely been a result of French colonial disasters.

Its first impetus came from the French defeat in Indo-China and this was followed by the grant of independence to Tunisia and Morocco with the inevitable flight of capital and rich colonialists back to France.

The boom was perceptibly slowing down after years of speculative vandalism (which have transformed the Principality into a kind of tax-dodgers' rabbit warren), when it became clear that Algeria in its turn would be given independence.

This has now set off the boom once again and the result is that,

after lying fallow for a year, building operations are about to start on erecting a 25-storey block of flats on the hole that was dug 20ft deep a year ago.

Two French financial groups, one in Algeria and another in France, have now put up the money to start building this ultimate desecration of one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline in the world.

Flats in this new building will cost from about £36,000 for a sitting-room, bedroom and kitchenette upwards. The price is well worth while, however, for wealthy immigrants from Algeria because, unlike the French in Metropolitan France, who have to continue to pay taxes for five years after establishing residence in Monaco the French in North Africa live tax free from the moment they settle in the Principality.

Permits to build these monstrousities are granted by Prince Rainier and Prince Henri alone. He is now more absolute in his rule than ever before.

The only consolation is that such is the maniacal greed which activates these operations that what with mammoth building above ground and frantic tunnelling underground to provide a tunnel for trains and thereby create fresh real estate, the whole Principality may soon sink gently into the sea under the weight of its own shortsighted greed.

Exotic

THERE was a time when a mannequin was a clothes-horse and even if she had a face like a horse it didn't much matter or was even considered an advantage because it did not provide a distraction from the clothes.

The main requirements were that she should walk gracefully, be reasonably tall and have slim hips. Now all this is changed, and this year's fashion shows show clearly that the one essential to a career as a mannequin is not to have been a mannequin before.

This year's recruits to the mannequin business include a dark-eyed gipsy a Tahitian, a Brazilian heiress, a Russian said to be the great grand-niece of Rasputin, two Swedish twins, a minute Japanese, a Stuart who claims relationship with Mary Queen of Scots, the daughter of a French general, the daughter of Anouilh, the playwright, Sylvia Casablanca, ex-friend of Karim Aga Khan, and, finally, a girl who, it is claimed, was tending sheep in the backwoods of Algeria only a few weeks ago.

It looks as though the competition for exotic models in the Paris fashion business is now

even keener than the competition in exotic clothes.

INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE—Many members of the French aristocracy angrily boycotted a fashionable wedding because it occurred on the anniversary of the execution of Louis XVI.

Collector

I REPORT the rise of a new art buyer—or rather the rise phoenix-like from the ashes of the Egyptian revolution of an old art buyer.

He is Hafez Hussein Bey, former husband of King Farouk's aunt and now the recent husband of the enormously rich (oil) American ex-widow Mrs Jefferson King Macomber.

Hussein's fortune, which he inherited from Farouk's aunt, included a world famous art collection which was confiscated by Nasser.

Now Hussein, who lives in his new wife's villa at St Jean Cap Ferrat in the South of France, has started collecting again.

He needs no advice in matters of painting, but if he does he has a first-class adviser in a neighbour and friend, Somerset Maugham.

Cautiously

HIS re-entry into the art market comes at a bad time, when prices are at their highest. That is why he is so far proceeding cautiously for fear that his reputation of having the Macomber millions behind him may pitch them still higher. So far he has bought two Van Der Lubbe's for a modest total of something like £20,000.

He is also negotiating for some Rouaults. His Paris dealer is a noted Greek who has made his fortune from specialising in Uffizi.

Van Der Lubbe, a turn-of-the-century painter, painted like Cezanne, and his most valuable paintings are landscapes of a bright natural colour.

Hussein who used to be a noted Monte Carlo figure, is now rarely seen in the Principality. I telephoned him to ask him for details of his purchases.

He told me that he would not see me because when I interviewed him after his wedding I had not, in his own words, "written what I told you to write."

What he told me to write was to up his age by 10 years and to view him after his wedding as a first-class adviser in a neighbour and friend, Somerset Maugham.

—(London Express Service.)

AN ACT OF ARSON MADE HITLER A DICTATOR: NOW, AGAIN, THE QUESTION IS BEING ASKED...

Who really started the Reichstag fire?

AT 9.13 on the night of February 27, 1933, the telephone rang in a Berlin fire-station. "There is a fire in the Reichstag," reported the caller. It seemed a small alarm. One engine was ordered out. Five minutes later another ring. Then three more. This was no little fire. It was a big blaze. By 9.45 pm 60 fire-engines were at the Reichstag.

All in vain. They came too late. The great central hall was burned out. The Reichstag building stands to this day an empty shell.

Such things happen in the best regulated States. The Houses of Parliament were burned to the ground in 1834, all because of a stove-pipe which became red hot.

But Germany was not a quiet country in February 1933. On January 30 Hitler had become Chancellor.

His Nazi Party did not have a majority in Parliament.

The Reichstag was dissolved. There was a furious general election. Nazis and Communists fought in the street. Hitler issued constant warnings: "The Communists will try to seize power. We must prepare for a Communist plot."

A MAJORITY

Now Hitler's prophecy seemed fulfilled. He arrived at the Reichstag while it was still burning. He trembled. His eyes blazed. He screamed out: "Every Communist leader will be hanged. The Communist deputies must be shot this very night. There must be no mercy."

Things did not go quite to such extremes. Though the Communist Party was declared illegal, 60 Communist deputies were returned to the new Reichstag.

They were not allowed to take their seats. This gave the Nazis and their Nationalist allies a majority in the Centre. But also acquired. In this way Hitler was able to pass the Enabling Law, which made him the legal dictator of Germany.

The burning of the Reichstag was the decisive event which gave Hitler supreme power. So, how did it happen? Was the fire started by accident? No, this fire was deliberate.

Who started it? The question has been debated from West to East. In Düsseldorf, Germany, a new court of inquiry has opened. New evidence, we are told, will be revealed.

The police had their answer to the fire from the first. At one minute past nine a passer-by saw a man break a window and climb into the Reichstag building.

The nearest police station was alerted at 9.8. Police arrived at the Reichstag before the fire broke out. They searched the building. At 9.27 they arrested a man, half-naked and blackened by smoke.

IT FITTED

He was taken to headquarters, interrogated until four in the morning, and again the next day. He answered clearly and coherently. He was a young Dutchman. His name: Marinus Van der Lubbe.

He claimed to be a Socialist, not a Communist. When Hitler gained power, he had hoped that the German workers would revolt. When nothing happened, he decided to light a "torch" of revolt himself.

He came to Berlin, bought a packet of fireworks, and broke into the Reichstag. He started the first fires with the fireworks, then tore off his upper garments and set them alight to start others. He had no assistants, no encouragement from outside.

Such was his story. The police checked it with a stopwatch. The story fitted up to the exact minute of Van der Lubbe's arrest. The fire-officers also thought that the fires could have been started as Van der Lubbe claimed.

BLOWN UP

The Nazi rulers of Germany did not wait to hear Van der Lubbe's story. On the morning after the fire, they arrested the Communist leader in the Reichstag. They also arrested three Bulgarian Communists living in Germany.

Years before, Bulgarian Communists had, allegedly, blown up the cathedral in Sophia. Obviously, therefore, argued the Nazis, they were involved in the fire.

The alarm of the Communist plot enabled the Nazis to win the general election. But Germany was in theory still a law-abiding State. The five accused men stood trial before the High Court at Leipzig.

After 28 years the shell of the burned-out Reichstag still stands as a memorial to a madman. It was the fire—on the night of February 27, 1933—which gave Hitler supreme power.

But who started the fire? Was it the Communists, as Hitler claimed? Or the Nazis themselves? Or the young Dutchman, Van der Lubbe, who was in fact executed for it?

Over the years the world has argued. Now, in Düsseldorf, a new inquiry has opened. Perhaps at last the world will learn the truth...

by A. J. P. TAYLOR

Van der Lubbe's story provided plenty of evidence against himself. None could be produced against the four others. None of them had ever seen Van der Lubbe, let alone spoken to him.

The prosecution called in "experts," university professors who had never been near the Reichstag and had never been at a fire.

They all "proved" on theoretical grounds that the fire could not have been started by a single man. Van der Lubbe must have had accomplices. Therefore, the Communists did it.

One of the accused was the famous international Communist Dimitroff. He turned the story upside down. Of course, he argued, Van der Lubbe had accomplices, as the "experts" said. But they were Nazis, not Communists.

TIMID...

The judges were men of principle, though timid. They would not condemn innocent men. But they wanted to please the Nazis.

They reached the verdict, therefore, that Van der Lubbe had started the fire "with the assistance of revolutionary elements"—clearly some unknown Communists. Van der Lubbe was condemned to death and duly executed.

The four Communists were acquitted. Torgler was kept under house arrest until 1936. Thereafter, he lived quietly in Germany, as he still does.

The three Bulgarians were sent to Soviet Russia. Two of them disappeared from sight. Dimitroff became head of the Comintern and, after the war, dictator of Bulgaria. He died mysteriously in 1948.

Hitler had to be content with the court's verdict. After all, the court had said that the fire was the work of Communists, though it had failed to find them or to show how they had done it. In any case, the Nazis were safely in power. No one in Germany inquired any longer how they got there.

But Hitler had enemies outside Germany, political refugees who were stirring world opinion against him. They had already brought out a "Brown Book" telling the truth about the Nazi terror.

The Reichstag fire was a splendid subject for a second "Brown Book," which would pin the guilt on the Nazis. The anti-Nazi, therefore, staged a counter-trial in London, con-

ducted by Left-wing lawyers from many democratic countries—Britain, France, America, and elsewhere.

The evidence of the police was of no use. For it showed that Van der Lubbe had started the fire alone. So the anti-Nazis made out (quite incorrectly) that the police evidence compromised the Nazis and had been suppressed.

SUPPRESSED

The evidence of the "experts" on the other hand, was a godsend. It had been used by the Nazis to implicate the Communists. Now it was stood on its head to implicate the Nazis.

The "experts" had said that Van der Lubbe could not have done it alone. The German court had failed to find evidence against the Communists. Obviously, therefore, argued the anti-Nazis, Van der Lubbe's assistants were Nazis.

The anti-Nazis wanted more than inference. They wanted proof. They soon found it. First, they discovered the method. A tunnel led from the Reichstag to the house of the Reichstag President across the street. And Goering was President of the Reichstag.

The anti-Nazis claimed that Hitler's men had come through this tunnel to start the fire. And through the tunnel they had escaped. This was the answer. More said, proof followed.

Steam trappers—Hitler's brown shirts—grew ashamed and confessed what they had done. Of course they had to remain anonymous. But the evidence grew and grew.

THE VERDICT

On June 30 Hitler turned against the brown shirts and killed many of their leaders. One of them, Karl Ernst, left, most conveniently, a very detailed confession, which carefully improved on the mistakes in the earlier confessions.

The Left-wing lawyers of the counter-trial did not need much convincing. They knew Hitler was a wicked man. The evidence merely confirmed this. They listened casually. At a critical moment, one French lawyer passed a note to his colleague. It read: "There is not a decent-looking woman in the room."

They brought in their verdict: The fires had been started by

Nazis who came and went through the tunnel.

Nearly everyone outside Germany accepted this verdict. This is how the story appears in every work of history to this day.

Last year, a retired German civil servant called Fritz Tobias had another look at the record. To his astonishment he found that the accepted story had very little to back it.

The police records had not been suppressed. They survive in eight copies. As to the tunnel, the police inspected it within an hour of the fire. The doors were locked at both ends. There was no trace that anyone had recently gone through them. Finally, it was not easy to go through. It was crammed with pipes and cables.

The "confessions" contradicted each other. We know more now than men did in 1933 how Communists manufacture evidence. These confessions have every sign of Communist authorship.

THEORIES

The "experts" do not come off much better. They were laying down theories, not inventing these theories to please the Nazis. In the outcome, they helped the anti-Nazis. But it remained theory.

There is one tiny bit of solid evidence. In 1942 a group of leading Nazis were discussing the rebuilding of the Reichstag. Goering slapped his thigh and said: "You must consult me. I am the only one who knows everything about the Reichstag. After all, I burned it."

Surely Goering was joking. On serious occasions he always denied that he knew anything of the fire beforehand. And, in his nervous way, Goering was an honest man.

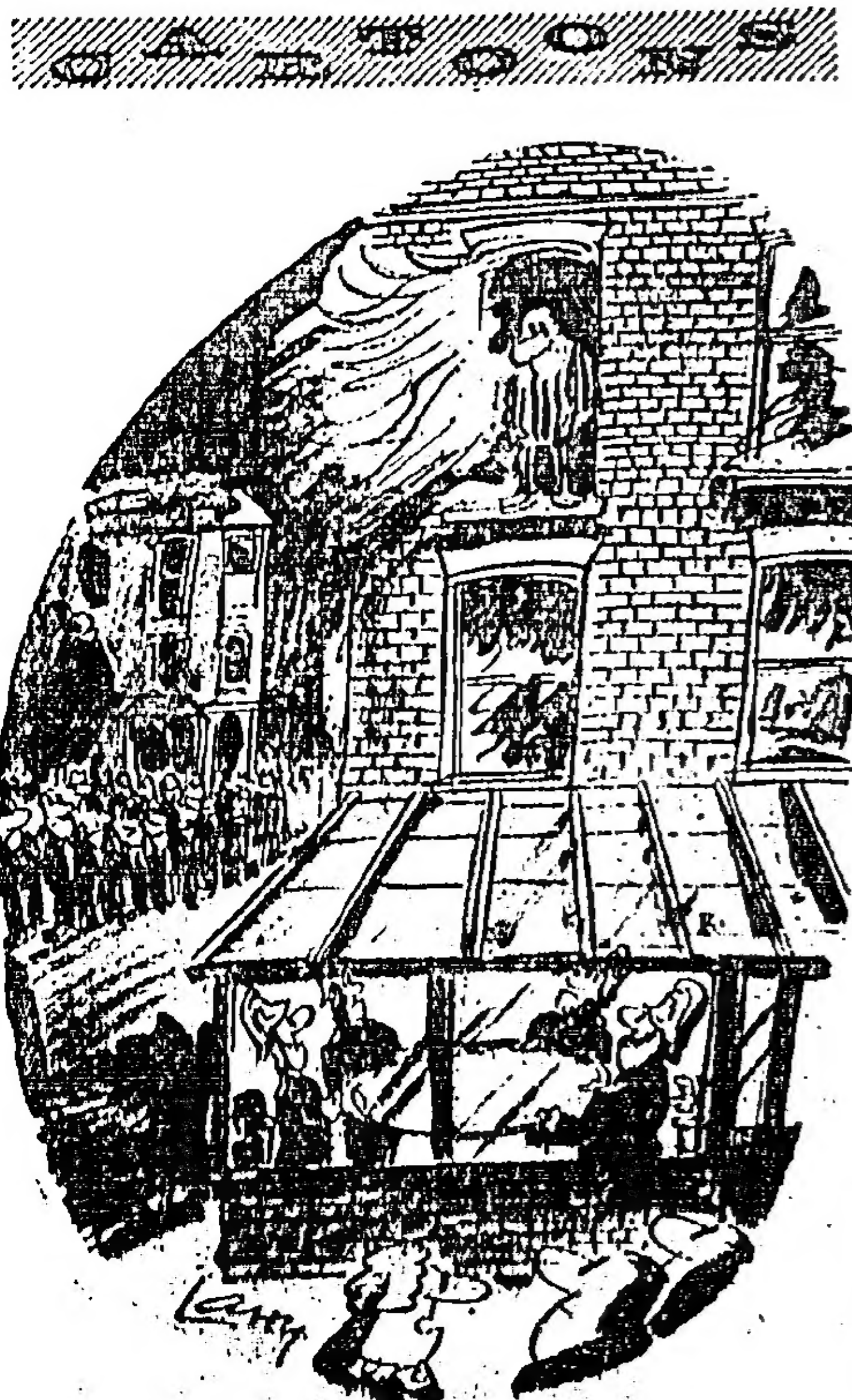
Now this new inquiry has opened in Düsseldorf. At last, it is said, evidence will be produced which will pin the guilt on the Nazis.

So far, it looks as though Van der Lubbe did it all alone, though every serious scholar has believed the opposite for nearly 30 years.

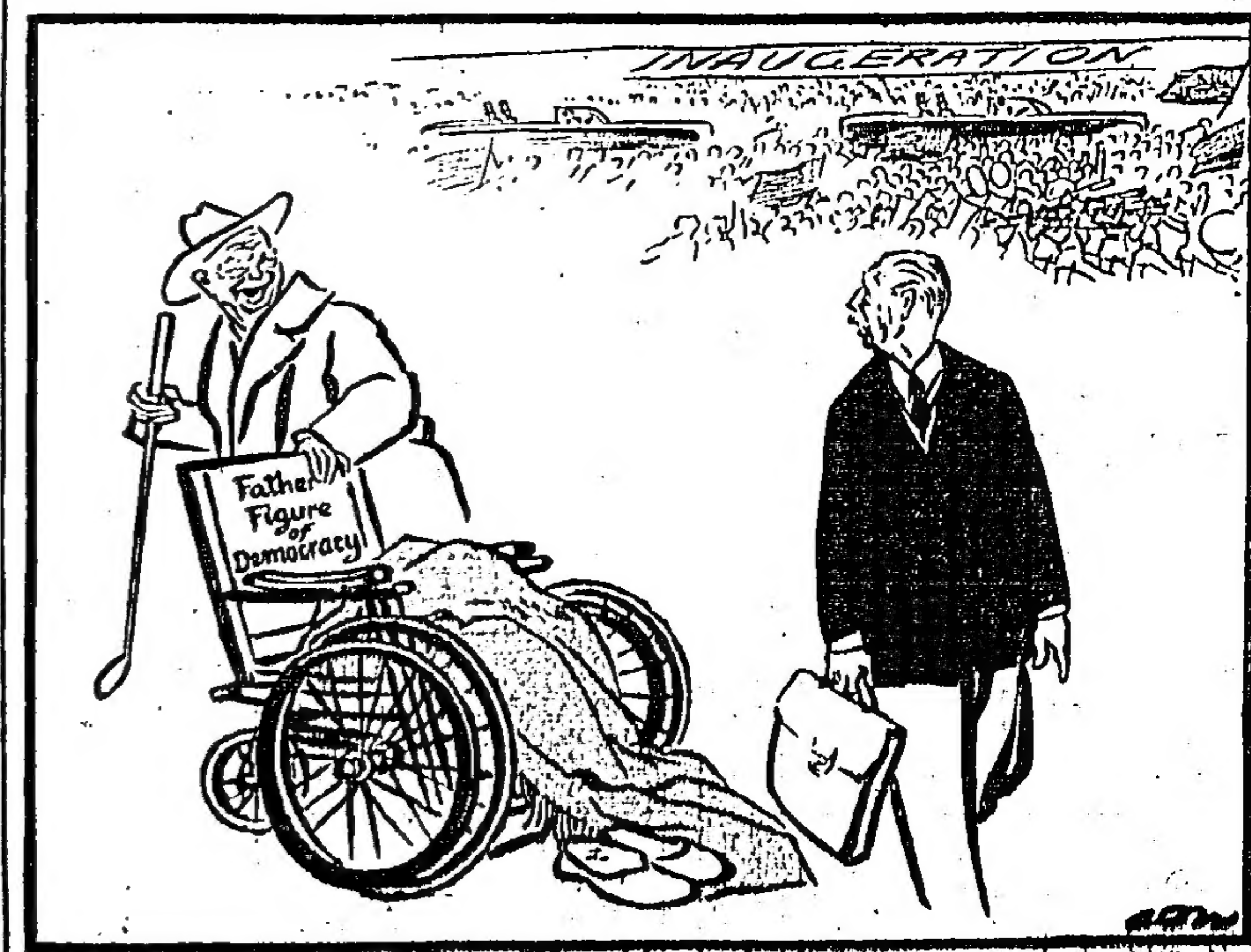
The story has no longer any historical importance. Hitler was an unscrupulous dictator, who did much harm to Germany and to the world, whether he organised the Reichstag fire or merely took advantage of it.

But it still makes a good detective story.

—(London Express Service.)



"What a shame!—Just think of all the work-and he spent building that conservatory!"



YOUR TURN NOW, HAROLD

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WOMANSENSE

VERONICA PAPWORTH

CARDIN—NOW THERE'S WHAT

I CALL GENIUS!

...All done without any ballyhoo

HE stood there in the centre of the Dior salon—a short, dark Frenchman in a shoe-string tie, and he wept. Around him women struggled, shouted, and fought for the chance to clasp the white-faced Marc Bohan to their hot, scented bosoms.

"Bravo," cried my Frenchman, wiping his streaming eyes and grinning like a Cheshire cat—"Bravo. Encore BRAVO."

I have no doubt he was a big shareholder in the House of Dior. And well may he grin.

What we had seen was something like a quarter of a million yards of much-needed lifeblood.

Beauty...and perfume sprayed over us

What is more, it was presented as a three-ring circus of breath-taking beauty against hot-house flowers by the cartload, clouds of perfume (atomisers used like spray-guns on all who climb the gilded staircase), and a glittering audience, including the kind of celebrities whose very attendance guarantees headlines.

But the true genius of the new Paris collections is PIERRE CARDIN.

His entire collection—an intellectual exercise in cut and colour—is a triumph shown without benefit of ballyhoo or the presence of the Duchess of Windsor!

My hat would have been in the air

As I fought to leave the Dior salons a young man thrust a microphone under my nose and quizzed me on my reactions.

I told him it was a shot in the arm for a magnificent business.

If I had been interviewed by the same young man after Cardin I would have thrown my hat in the air and cried with truth—"Here is GENIUS."



Star turn of the Jacques Esterel show was the one-eyed hair-do.
Worn with a mask-like porcelain make-up and shell-pink lipstick, all the emphasis is on that huge, heavily mascaraed eye.
Experts at this sort of thing will notice the absence of the usual elongated corners.
Eyes will be worn ROUND this spring!

FLOATING, RIPPLING AND SHIMMERING...

SUMMED up in a single sentence the new shape from Paris is FLUID and WAISTLESS. The only certain point of contact between dress and wearer being the HIPS.

Is it flat-chested? Not unless you are.
Is it "difficult"? Yes, but it looks easy.

Hiplines fit like a second grille...like the skin on a peach...like the paper on the wall.
Shades of the chemise-sac are all around us—but only shades.

You just can't keep still

The big difference being that so many of the slim, pleated or folded and deceptively simple clothes are made for MOVEMENT.

It's going to be a RUNING, WALKING, JUMPING-UP-AND-DOWN season.

For you simply will not be able to keep still in the new clothes. Sitting down they are less than nothing—streetless mainly. Wide necked and collarless too.

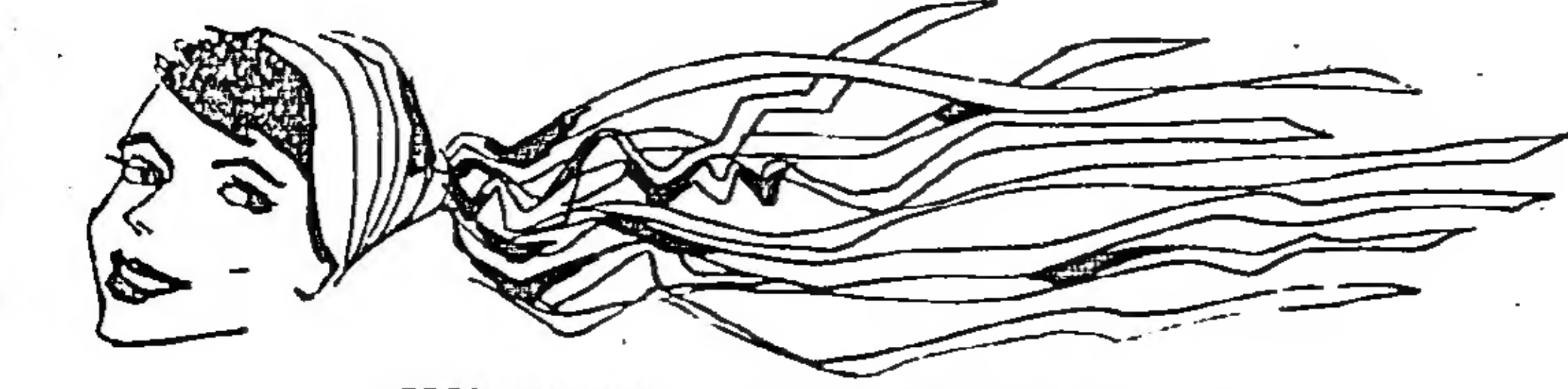
Standing up they are straight—sometimes widening towards the hem like a half-furled umbrella.

But just let the wearer move and they spring to life. They ripple. They spiral. They shimmer. They fan out and float back.

These clothes are sheer joy

As maypoles streaming with swirling ribbons, as figureheads with their draperies blown backwards, the women of 1961 will meet this restless eye with MOVEMENT—masses of movement in every line.

For all who revel in the soft seductiveness of chiffon, the sleekness of organza, the subtle shimmer of transparent silks



FROM BALMAIN...a maypole-ribbon headress.

GOODBYE, LITTLE BABY DOLL...

ALL pre-collection gossip of a tremendous emphasis on youth is so much nonsense.

The great big news is that the dear little baby doll look girls you may well tip your hat to, along with the "beat" torso to a terrifying angle of 20 degrees backwards from the hips.

Why those girls don't fall flat on their backs I'll never know. One thing is certain. If you do, you won't be able to catch a new square-toed pump.

With fairly short, dark hair (total eclipse of the blonde), off-white faces, pallid lips and huge dark eyes, the mannequins, trailing clouds of chiffon glory, strode forth to greet the spring. You too will do likewise.

What it all means for you and me

★ IT MEANS flaps, folds, and fly-away pleats on tailored coats and coat-dresses.
★ IT MEANS straight jackets, and slim skirts—with the alternative of flared and stiffened skirts (like an inverted glass tumbler) if you can wear the wider line.
★ IT MEANS masses of sheer fabrics. I foresee fortunes made from voile if the Manchester cotton boys are quick off the mark.

★ IT MEANS continuing popularity for such items as print tops and matching linings to your suits, coats with side skirts to the waist, and all those soft, sleeveless little crepe dresses.
★ AND IT MEANS you must have something PINK. To be bang on it and better be a colour they used to call "Bols do Rosa"—which is smoked salmon crossed with strawberry ice—if you see what I mean?

—(London Express Service).



FLOATING...at an angle of 20 degrees.



JACOBY on BRIDGE

DON'T pay too much attention to the bidding of this hand.

Terence Reese does not like it any more than I do.

Defending against five clubs, West opened the five of spades. East cashed the ace and king and shifted to the king of hearts.

Terence noted that five diamonds would make if the diamonds were 3-2, and that five clubs was not going to make on any legitimate play.

Was there a possible swindle? Terence found one! He took his ace of hearts. Drew trumps with three leads, stepping in dummy. Ruffed a spade. Discarded dummy's last heart on his last trump and then played the diamonds as follows:

Seven spot to dummy's queen. Six back to his king, and nine to dummy's ace.

Then he led dummy's three of diamonds and East suddenly woke up to note that he had not been paying much attention to what had gone on.

He did remember that his partner had followed to only two diamonds so that declarer was left with one diamond and one heart.

What diamond was it? It couldn't be the deuce! So South was going to win that trick and lead a heart.

East discarded his last spade. South produced the deuce of diamonds and dummy's spade won the last trick.

TODAY'S QUESTION
You hold the same hand. Your partner opens one spade. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

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NORTH

♠ 842

♥ 82

♦ AQ83

♣ KQ2

WEST

♠ Q76

♥ 10753

♦ 108

♣ 943

EAST (D)

♠ AKJ10

♥ KQ94

♦ J54

♣ 75

SOUTH

♠ 93

♥ AJ

♦ K972

♣ AJ1085

No one vulnerable

East South West North

1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Pass 3♣ Pass 4♣

Pass 5♣ Pass Pass

Opening lead—♠ 5

LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

AQUARIUS (2) (January 21-February 19): A letter from abroad may be disappointing, but your promptly may soon turn things to your advantage.

PISCES (8) (February 20-March 20): A friend's unreliability ought to be set off against his many admirable qualities.

ARIES (5) (March 21-April 19): If you feel like being particularly generous in a very deserving cause, give without expecting excessive gratitude.

TAURUS (4) (April 20-May 20): In your everyday life you should look at things in their proper perspective and avoid magnifying difficulties.

GEMINI (9) (May 21-June 21): By husbanding your resources and appreciating the value of money you will achieve security and the comfort you crave sooner than you imagine.

CANCER (3) (June 22-July 21): Treat a disabled person with consideration but visible signs of pity may cause embarrassment and resentment.

LEO (11) (July 22-August 21): By choosing a partner who expects only the best you will be spurred on to more than ordinary efforts to provide the necessary wherewithal.

VIRGO (1) (August 22-September 22): A monetary arrangement may necessitate a last minute change, and you should be elastic enough to alter your plans accordingly.

LIBRA (6) (September 23-October 22): If you have youngsters under your care, avoid asserting your authority too forcefully, but let them develop freely without undue pressure.

SCORPIO (12) (October 23-November 21): An invitation from a newly acquired set of friends should be eagerly taken up, and you will soon find yourself part of a highly stimulating group.

SAGITTARIUS (7) (November 22-December 21): Take a sympathetic neighbour into your confidence if you feel that he will understand the problem which you prefer to keep from your family.

CAPRICORN (10) (December 22-January 20): You enjoy mixing freely with people in all walks of life, and your personality stands out no matter what the surroundings.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER: Count the letters in your first name and add the total to the number shown in brackets after your sign of the Zodiac. This is your lucky number for today.

Rupert and the Winter Sale—7



As the crowd nears the main door they go faster, until they are swept into the great store in a flood. Ladies of all sizes elbow and jostle, and Rupert is pushed from side to side and squashed between other people. "How is this weird," he pulls. "I've never seen Mummy and Mrs. Sheep and Mrs. Badger as excited as this. There must be something very important here." He is too little to see where he is going, and, struggling out of the stream, he is just in time to see Mrs. Bear forcing her way round a corner.



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STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

How About A Walk?

—Everybody Wants To Go, But Nobody Can—

By MAX TRELL

IT was Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, who first suggested that they do it.

And no sooner were the words out of his mouth than Mr. Punch and his wife Judy, and General Tin, the Tin Soldier, and Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll, and Miss China Doll—the beautiful one with the blue eyes and the long blonde curls—and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Hlawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian, all agreed that it was a wonderful idea.

Knarf's idea

The idea that Knarf suggested was that they should all stand up, put on their hats and coats and walk down to the end of the street.

"And then what will we do?" Teddy asked, looking around at the faces of all his friends in the Playroom.

"Walk back again!" they all said. "Teddy wasn't very bright not to have thought of that himself."

"It's a beautiful morning," Knarf said.

"It's a perfect morning for a walk," said Mr. Punch. "There's nothing I like better than a walk on a bright, clear, sunny morning. Off we go!"

His orders

"Hats and coats on everybody!" Knarf ordered. "Stand up everybody! Here we go!" "I'm standing up already," said General Tin. That was true.

No one had ever seen General Tin sitting down. "And I've got my hat and coat on, too."

"All the others now looked around the room for their hats and coats."

"Oh dear," said Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll. "I haven't got a hat and coat."

"Neither have I," said Mr. Punch.

It turned out that no one had a hat and coat except Knarf and General Tin.

But Knarf said that that was all right. The sun was warm. They wouldn't really need a hat and coat just for a walk down to the end of the street and back again.

"If it feels cold," said Teddy, "we can run."

"Fine, fine, fine," said Mr. Punch, smiling at Teddy. "You're a very clever young Bear—Sometimes. Off we go!"

They can't go

Just then Hlawatha, the Shadow Girl with the Turned-About Name, opened the door and looked into the room. She seemed puzzled.

"We're all going for a walk," Miss China Doll told her.

"A walk?" repeated Hlawatha. "You're all going for a walk? But—but—you can't!" she blurted out.

And when we get there, we're going to walk back again. And if it's too cold to walk, we're going to run. Come with us, Hlawatha."

Hlawatha was so troubled that she could hardly speak.

"You can't go for a walk," she finally said in a low, unhappy voice. "because you can't walk."

"Walking is the simplest thing in the world," said General Tin. "You put out your right foot, then you put out your left foot. Right foot—left foot...right, left, right, left. That's all there is to walking. Just watch me."

They all watched as General Tin tried to move forward. He tried to get his right foot to go out, then his left foot. They both played stuck. General Tin played stuck. He just stood there.

Punch'll show them

"I'll take a walk some other day," he said at last. "I'm a bit busy this morning anyway."

"Let me show you," said Mr. Punch. "You've got to swing your feet out. It's as easy as falling off a log."

Mr. Punch swung his feet out. The next second he was lying flat on his face.

"Knarf! Help me up, please," said Mr. Punch. "I just remembered that I have some letters to write this morning. I'll go walking with you all some other day if you don't mind."

Knarf helped Mr. Punch back into his rocking chair.

Mary-Jane tried to walk and crumpled up like a rag. Miss China Doll didn't even try. "I've changed my mind," she said. "I've got my house to clean this morning."



"But you can't go for a walk," said Hlawatha to Miss China Doll.

"I'm busy, too," said Mr. Punch's wife, Judy.

Hlawatha, who was sitting in a corner, drew his blanket over his head and went to sleep.

Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, announced cheerfully:

"I'm not going to walk. I'm going to run. It's easier."

Teddy rolled

Instead of running, Teddy rolled. He rolled under the bookcase and stayed there.

Knarf looked around the room. Then he glanced out of the window.

"It's beginning to look like rain," he said. "I don't think we ought to go for a walk today."

"No, not today," said everybody. Hlawatha glanced out of the window, too. It seemed to her that the sun was shining as brightly as ever. But she said along with all the others: "No, not today."

YESTERDAY'S RUGBY Garrison just manage to scramble home against the RAF

By 'PROP'

At the Club Stadium last night, the Garrison, with a side which showed four changes from that originally selected, managed to defeat the Royal Air Force by six points (a try and a penalty goal) to three (a try).

The Garrison who were trailing three points to nil at half-time pulled out all the stops in the second half and after a very fine try by Mason had levelled the scores, MacDonald kicked a good penalty-goal to gain the decision for the Army side.

The rugby last evening could not be said to be of a very high quality but it was extremely hard, uncompromising, tournament-type rugby, with no quarter asked and certainly none given.

At the crucial point the RAF tackled, which has been their strong point for the greater part of the season, let them down. This I maintain was the reason for the Garrison victory.

During the first half the RAF pack played well and not only kept the Garrison forwards quiet, but found time to blot out many promising Garrison three-quarter moves as well.

The second half saw a resurgence of the Garrison pack, however, and the RAF forwards did not have so much control over the game as in the first half.

Chance missed

The game opened as the RAF kicked off to the Club-house end, and after a knock-on the Garrison were penalised for off-side at the ensuing scrum. Weavill came up from full-back to attempt the kick, but his effort was not quite good enough and the Garrison were able to clear their lines.

After some ill-fated play the Garrison had a chance when the lead when they were awarded a penalty from forty yards out, in the centre of the field. MacDonald came up to take the kick and pulled it to the left of the posts. The safety player was on hand to pull Garrison out of a tight spot as

the RAF tried to take play to the other end with a long touch-kick.

The Army side came back to the attack, and, after a bludgeoning by the Garrison, three had been ignored by the referee, MacDonald found himself attempting another penalty-kick from the RAF twenty-five line following an off-side decision against the Garrison.

This attempt from an easier position was also missed, and the RAF won a respite due to some extremely efficient hooking by Manson.

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RAF open scoring

Strangely it was the RAF who scored directly from a line-out. MacDonald, catching the ball from the line-out for Garrison, but their three could make little headway against some sharp tackling.

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With the RAF on the attack the referee ordered the half-time break.

On the resumption Garrison went all out to overtaking the RAF lead, and a glorious run by Mason in the centre was the means of their so doing.

Beating six men in a sprint of forty-five yards, Mason gave a delightful display of balanced running before touching down in the left hand corner. MacDonald was unable to improve on this score.

Head injury

Following some more mid-field play Garrison were deprived of the services of winger White, who was taken off the field with a head injury. He returned after about ten minutes, although still badly shaken.

Garrison transferred play to the RAF line, where Riddle was shot at a penalty-goal from the RAF twenty-five and to the right of the posts.

RAF tried valiantly to run the ball out from their own line, but the Garrison cover was too good for them. With the Garrison on the attack, and Manson in particular looking dangerous whenever he gained possession, the referee called a halt to the game leaving Garrison narrow winners by three points.

For the RAF Dixon, Mason, Gee, Weavill, Low and Bow were outstanding, whilst for Garrison MacDonald, Mason in the centre, Edwards, Ball, Hope and Fitzgerald were best.

The teams

RAF: Weavill, Gregory, Low, Evans, Poyner, Gee, Davies, Ball, Mason, Forward, Jack, Anthony, Raw, Dixon, Beck. GARRISON: MacDonald, McLeod, Mason, Baillie, White, Riddle, Sims, Freeman, Smith, Hope, Ball, Cross, Thompson, Edwards, Fitzgerald.

Standings

Club	P	W	L	D	Pts
Garrison	7	5	2	10	12
RAF	7	3	3	1	7
Bagdad	7	3	3	1	7
Police	7	3	4	0	6
RN	7	1	6	0	0

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

8th Race Meeting 1960/61

Owners are reminded that Declarations of starters and riders for Races 1 to 8 close at the Secretary's Office, Happy Valley, at 10.00 a.m. Friday, 10th February, 1961.

No Declarations are required for Race 9.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 9th (Annual) Race Meeting 1960/61 to be held on Saturday 23th February, Wednesday 1st and Saturday 4th March, 1961, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stable, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 14th February, 1961.

Please enclose the entry form in the green envelope provided.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB 8TH RACE MEETING

Saturday 11th February, 1961.

(To be held under the Rules of The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 9 RACES

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an Admission Badge will be admitted. Admission Badges must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$25.00 each are obtainable only on the written introduction of a Member. Admission Badges may be obtained during office hours from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street; King's Road, North Point and 382, Nathan Road. ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Timings will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

Members, Ladies wearing Ladies Brooches, and their Guests must enter the Members Enclosure by the entrance to the Members Stand.

Members wishing to proceed to Club Boxes on the 4th and 5th Floors of the new Public Stand must do so from the 2nd Floor of the Members Stand, using the lift or stairs.

Apart from the foregoing, Members, their Ladies, and Members' Guests are not permitted to enter the Public Enclosure and Stand.

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years (Western Standard) will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$10.00 each payable at the Gate. Admission Badges will be issued and they must be prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$10.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$18.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 10th February, 1961, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th March, 1961, at \$20.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club.

The office hours of the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club are as follows:—

Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square) and 5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong:—

Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 4th February 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Saturday, 11th February 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon:—

Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, 4th February 9 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.
Saturday, 11th February 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th February, 1961.

Laker's view on coming season's cricket

London, Feb. 9. Sir Laker, the former Surrey and England off-spinner, said that cricket must increase its tempo if it was to maintain interest. Speaking at a meeting of the Cricket Society in London today he stated: "The main thing this season must be for fast bowlers to quicken the game so that people whose interest in the game has been re-created by the present Australia versus West Indies series and by the prospect of the Australian visit would not be disappointed."

He said that he wanted to see an end to the type of situation he met in one Test when the captain, Len Hutton, told him: "For heaven's sake, take longer to bowl your overs."

TEST SERIES

On the coming Test series this summer Laker stated: "I think the Australians are going to do remarkably well. The side will be very strong, deep in batting, and will take a bit of shifting."

He named their danger men as batsman Norman O'Neill and all-rounder Alan Davidson. Of Davidson, Laker said: "I don't think any bowler in the world today can use the new ball better."—A.P.

U.S. National Indoor Tennis Tournament opens today

New York, Feb. 9.

The U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championship gets under way today with semi-retired Dick Savitt of New York and towering Orlando Sirola — half of Italy's team that wrecked the United States in the Davis Cup — rated as co-favourites.

Under-23 soccer international win for England

Liverpool, Feb. 8. England beat Wales 2-0 in an Under-23 soccer international before 27,335 spectators here on the Everton ground tonight. They led 1-0 at half-time.

Several new stars emerged in the changed England team, brightest among them being Bobby Moore, of West Ham, 21-year-old Johnny Byrne, of Fourth Division Crystal Palace, and left-back Gerry Byrne, of Liverpool.

Outstanding for Wales were Brighton reserve goalkeeper Dave Hollins and Arfon Griffiths, the tiny Arsenal teenager, who came on as a second half substitute at centre-forward.

England's goal-scorers were Chris Rowe, of Blackburn, who netted from a penalty after 30 minutes, and Bobby Moore, with a swerving free-kick 20 minutes after half-time.

OTHER RESULTS

Results of tonight's other British football matches were:

SCOTTISH LEAGUE	
Division 1	
Dundee	4 Rangers 2
Hibernian	3 St. Johnstone 2

(Both matches postponed from February 4).—Reuter.

Sonneville to defend Dutch shuttle title

The Hague, Feb. 8. Ferry Sonneveld, of Indonesia, will defend his title in the Dutch International Badminton Championships to be held at Haarlem on February 11 and 12.

Main challenge to Sonneveld is expected to come from Charoeh Wattanasin, of Thailand, the Danes Ole Mertz, Knud Nielsen, Erlend Kops, and the Malaysians, K. H. Yeoh, B. K. Wong, Lim Kok-kah and Oon Chong-tak.

Patrasang Pattabongse, of Thailand, is favourite to retain her women's singles title. She will meet strong opposition in Inge Klejgaard, Karin Rasmussen and Tonny Holst Christensen, of Denmark.

The 76 entries represent seven countries—Germany (22 entries), Denmark (18), Malaysia (5), Thailand, Indonesia and Belgium (2 each) and Holland (25).—Reuter.

Combined Civilians Second Division XI for Services match

The following have been selected to play for the Combined Civilians Second Division XI in a one-day cricket fixture against the Combined Services XI at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Thursday, February 10, 1961, starting at 10.30 a.m.

J. H. Duthie (University—Captain), Ranganathan (University), A. R. Kitchell (University), J. N. Roberts (Police), M. Williamson (Police), G. R. Day (Police), L. Sheldon (Nomads), B. N. Hodge (Nomads), G. McLeod (Nomads), C. Waghom (Nomads), T. Chadd (DBS).

12th man: C. F. Ebrahim—L.R.C.

Those who are unable to play are requested to contact Mr. J. H. Duthie (Tel. 90070) as soon as possible.

Holland Cup hockey quarter-finals top weekend programme

By NUMPERE

The highlights of the weekend's hockey will be the quarter-finals of the Holland Cup at present held by Army 'A'. The outstanding match of the round should of course be Macensis 'A' versus KCC 'A' at King's Park.

KCC are the only club who have registered a victory over Macensis this season, beating them 2-1 in a League match back in October.

This will undoubtedly be a hard battle but with umpires Xavier and Lall in control it certainly will not get out of hand. The result could go either way but if Macensis can keep cool I think they might win.

Second Division RAF play First Division Nav Bharat 'A' in what should prove another good game. The RAF have won all their League matches to date and were also runners-up in the 'RAF' Championships at Singapore recently. Nav Bharat must be the favourites but it should be pretty close.

Army 'A' are away to Recreo 'B' and should have a fairly easy passage and Army 'B' entertain Recreo 'A' who were taken to a replay by Army 'C' in the second round. However I think Recreo 'A' will go through at the first attempt this time and will meet Army 'A' in the semi-finals.

In the two fixtures in Section 'B' this week Dutch HC are home to HKHC 'A' and after beating Army 'C' must be fancied to take at least one point, whilst Nav Bharat 'C' will have to struggle hard if they have to collect their first point of the season against IRC 'B'.

There are only two fixtures in the Ladies' League for Saturday. KCC play Gremlins 'B' and should win, and improving St. Georges may take one point from Victorians.

Fixtures

SATURDAY
—Ladies League
KCC vs Gremlins at King's Park, 2.30 pm. Umpires: J. Howe, J. K. Fellows.
St. Georges vs Victorians at King's Park, 4 pm. Umpires: K. Lall, F. Soares.

SUNDAY
Holland Cup
Third round
Macensis 'A' vs KCC 'A' at King's Park, 9.45 am. Umpires: F. Xavier, K. Lall.
Recreo 'B' vs Army 'A' at Recreo, 2.30 pm. Umpires: W. Matthews, Y. Khan.

RAF vs Nav Bharat 'A' at King's Park, 11.30 am. Umpires: F. Xavier, T. Gardner.
Army 'B' Recreo 'A' at Sookunpoo, 4 pm. Umpires: H. Crebas, Z. A. Abbas.

Second Division
Section 'A'
Lions vs HKHC 'B' at KGV, 11.30 am. Umpires: S. Hewson, H. St. Georges.
Macensis 'C' vs Nav Bharat 'B' at King's Park, 2.30 pm. Umpires: J. Marcel, V. Pedruco.
Prisons vs Demons at Stanley, 4 pm. Umpires: B. Singh, H. Garton.

Section 'B'
Dutch HC vs HKHC 'A' at Happy Valley, 11.30 am. Umpires: A. Aziz, A. Van der Stuis.
Nav Bharat 'C' vs IRC 'B' at Sookunpoo, 11.30 am. Umpires: D. G. Price, H. Brandt.

THURSDAY
Second Division
Section 'A'
Demons vs Lions at King's Park, 11.30 am. Umpires: H. Paterson, K. Lall.
Gremlins Cup
First round
KCC vs KGV 'B' at King's Park, 2.30 pm. Umpires: A. Van der Stuis, F. Soares.

Ladies' League
Victorians vs KGV 'A' at King's Park, 4 pm. Umpires: J. K. Fellows, W. Matthews.

HOCKEY LEAGUE TABLES
First Division

Club	P	W	L	D	Pts
Macensis 'A'	10	8	1	1	15
KCC 'A'	10	6	3	1	13
Nav Bharat 'A'	10	5	4	1	11
Army 'A'	10	4	5	1	9
Recreo 'A'	10	3	6	1	7
IRC 'A'	10	2	7	1	5
Recreo 'B'	10	1	8	1	3
Macensis 'B'	10	1	9	0	2

Second Division
Section 'A'

Club	P	W	L	D	Pts
Prisons	11	10	1	0	21
Army 'B'	11	9	2	0	18
Nav Bharat 'B'	11	8	2	1	17
Rangers	11	4	6	1	9
Demons	11	4	6	1	9
Lions	11	3	7	1	7
HKHC 'B'	11	3	7	1	7
Macensis 'C'	11	2	8	1	5

Section 'B'

Club	P	W	L	D	Pts
RAF	9	8	0	1	16
Army 'C'	9	8	1	0	16
KCC 'B'	9	6	2	1	13
HKHC 'C'	9	4	4	1	9
Dutch HC	9	2	6	1	5
IRC 'B'	9	1	7	1	3
Nav Bharat 'C'	9	0	9	0	0

Sports Diary
TODAY
Professional-Amateur Tournament at Fanling, 12.30 pm.

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by Barry Appleby

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A mother's heart-cry... and Sugar Ray pounced

A new moon hung over Harlem like a slender golden sickle. On the side-walks the black and tan throngs strutted and sauntered. It was a soft indigo evening, and from the dance-hall windows came the throbbing beat of the 12-bar blues.

Suddenly, in the distance, there was the screech of a siren. A few seconds later an eye-dazzling, lilac-and-rose Cadillac, its specially fitted police siren still whining, purred into view.

On the doors, inscribed in glistening black letters, was the legend "Sugar Ray". And there, looking like a monarch in the back, the name of sharp-suited elegance, was the legend himself—Sugar Ray Robinson, a massive Negro, had his lips to Sugar's ear, his deep bass rumbling and booming like thunder.

THEIR HERO

As the sleek chauffeur-driven convertible drew up, hundreds of excited onlookers poured from houses, bars, and neighbouring streets until that short stretch of 7th Avenue boiled with people eager to shake the hand of their world champion. Others, unable to get near the car, were happy just to gaze proudly at their Black Prince of boxing; to hail the smiling, handsome hero who, only 24 hours before, at the World's Grounds, New York, had knocked out Britain's Randolph Turpin to win back the world 11 lb. 6 lb. title.

For still in their minds—and indeed the mind of every pent-up fan who saw it—was the scene in the vast baseball stadium on that humid night of September 12, 1951, when 61,000 people watched the revenge of Sugar Ray.

It was the beginning of the 10th round and Robinson, champion of the world, had so sensationally lost to Turpin in London only 64 days before, was steadily falling behind on points.

Magnificent in his youth, his muscles rippling with power, the café-au-lait Englishman was beginning to rattle and jolt Robinson's head until Sugar's carefully-pounded hair stood up like black spikes.

Moreover, Randy was doing it with the same teeth-jarring weapon which had baffled and broken Robinson in their first fight—the old-fashioned, correctly-delivered straight left.

All around me, as I sat near the ring with its grid of yellow floodlights, the watching thousands seemed stunned.

Whether they were oil kings or ticket touts, Hollywood stars or raucous-lunged peanut vendors, they had come, every single one of them, licking their lips in greedy anticipation of a swift Robinson victory.

And in those pantherish early rounds it looked as if the British boy would be swamped by an avalanche of punches.

DANGER

It looked as if the snarling, grinning American Negro with his famed punch combinations—dazzling clusters of blows which landed with stunning force—could crash Turpin down and out whenever he wanted.

In the second, Robinson, slim, snake-hipped, zigging on dancer's feet and all fandango and flourish, hurt the world champion with a vicious right to the body; then had Turpin wobbling with a battering right cross to the jaw.

In the third this elegant black artist sent Turpin teetering backwards with another whammy right, but Randy, supremely strong, clinched and rallied.

In the fourth, Robinson whipped up his famous bolo uppercut and that arching right glove caught the deadpan Turpin off balance.

But still the Englishman remained upright, fresh, calm, and with the brooding strength of a young bull.

And now the crowd, sniffing danger, was hushed. For, suddenly, the brown tide of punches was rolling the other way.

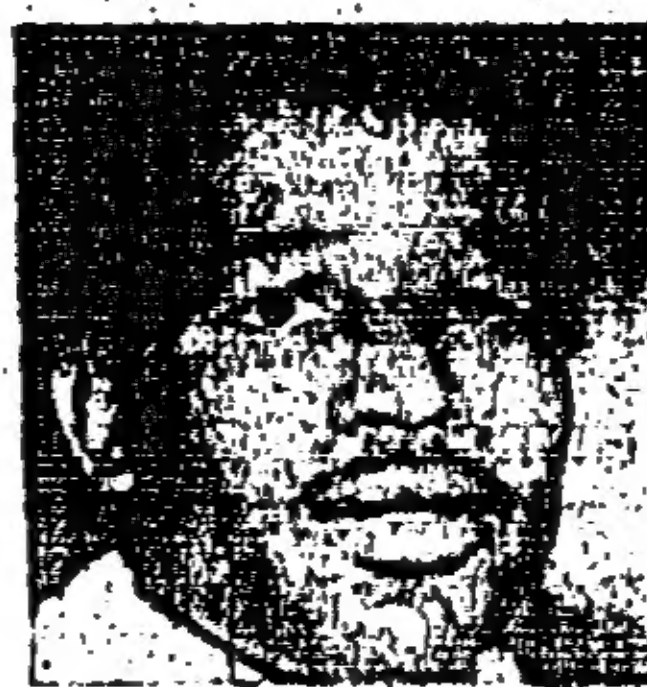
Suddenly the natural rhythm, the speed and wizardry of his footwork had left Harlem's dark destroyer. Six years the senior, he was racing before our eyes.

As the rounds rolled off, the Americans watched amazed. The hunter was becoming the hunted.

Turpin, despite his wide open stance and unorthodox methods, had begun to take the fight to the fast fading Robinson; was punishing him heavily with clubbing elbows and belting hooks to the body.

Once again, the unbelievable was happening. This string-eyed "usurper" from across the pond—"The Limey" from New York—was winning.

Elegant, legendary Sugar Ray Robinson, an eye cut, was again near defeat by Britain's Randolph Turpin. But then came the dramatic moment that made it a Night of Revenge for Robinson.



ROBINSON... ex-shoe-shine boy who rose to the top

by ALAN HOBY

cool-skinned young man who rejected in the name of "Bang Bang" Wombar.

In addition, there were Sugar Ray's personal barber, his personal chauffeur, his personal golf professional—Robinson's golf handicap was 12—plus a 3 ft French midjet who spoke English, Spanish, Italian and Arabic.

EYE SLIT

From Windsor, the boxer Parisians called "Le Sucre Merveilleux," travelled in triumph to London—where a phlegmatic young man from Leamington Spa, undisturbed by the pre-fight rash of Robinson's hallyhoo, proceeded to knock the great Sugar Ray's sladen right off his head.

No wonder as he waited for the fateful 10th round in that New York ring two months later, the warning bells rang in Ray Robinson's brain.

"Get him now," rang their message, "before aging muscles slowing reflexes and Turpin's body punches get you again."

And so, weary and sleek of arrogance, the man who once said "Boxing is my business and I enjoy my business," shuffled out for the tenth.

In front of him, the effervescent, champion from England, shot out his left and Sugar clinched.

Then, as they broke, a roar came from the crowd. For there, streaming down Sugar Ray's face was a rivulet of blood, tiny at first, and then widening until it was a river.

With one punch Turpin had slit the old eye wound he first opened in London—and it looked the flash for Sugar Ray.

Indeed, few of those New Yorkers packed into the tall,

green-painted stands behind us could have had any idea how close Robinson was to defeat at that crucial moment.

But just as I thought Randy was home and dry, a woman's voice, nasal, hysterical, razored through the hubbub.

"He's opened that cut. You've got to get him, Ray."

The woman was Robinson's mother.

Whether or not he heard her heart-cry, Robinson's response was electrifying.

As Turpin led with his right again—a bad ring habit—Sugar Ray leaped at him like a wild cat.

A flying right caught the Englishman under the heart. Another right hook, stupefying in its fury, slammed home on the chin.

Turpin, helpless, eyes blurred, mouth gaping, began to sag. Then down he went—like falling timber.

For several seconds he lay on his back. Then, at the count of nine, quivering and shivering, he was up. Now I shall never know how and the hurricane engulfed him.

'LIE DOWN'

In those shuddering seconds Sugar Ray the ring scientist became Sugar Ray the street fighter. It was a massacre. A holocaust.

Backing away from the storm, Turpin managed to get his back against the ropes, where he swayed from side to side like a run-down metronome.

Hooks, uppercuts, crosses crashed down on Turpin's head and body. In 31 seconds, 25 power-laden punches were flung at the Englishman and, although he rode many of them, he couldn't avoid them all.

"Lie down, Randy. For Heaven's sake, lie down!" blurted an anguished British voice from his corner.

But Randy just stood there, eyes vacant as empty slots, deaf to every appeal, a helpless punching bag.

And then, as we watched petrified while a body of burnished copper, arms punching like rivet-guns, crashed over one of lighter hues, referee Ruby Goldstein stepped in and halted the slaughter.

Abruptly, the devil that was Sugar Ray Robinson ceased punching, threw his arms up to the Harlem heavens in ecstasy, and became a human being again.

America's aristocrat of the ring had won. From the brink of exhaustion and defeat he had plucked back the title from the Harlem heavens in ecstasy, and became a human being again.

Was Goldstein right to stop the fight with only eight seconds remaining in the round?

Or should he have waited until the bell pealed, marvellous as that Randy, after the minute's rest, would have come up refreshed and ready for the 11th round?

HE WAS RIGHT

There had been a death in the ring a few days before, and it was possible that Goldstein erred on the side of discretion.

But he seemed sincere enough when he said afterwards: "A few years from now Turpin will be glad I stopped the fight. He didn't know what he was doing at the end."

I agreed with Goldstein then. I still do.

After the fight, which grossed £362,439—Robinson got £81,773, Turpin £68,145—the brave loser sailed home to fight again, and eventually to retire.

And Sugar Ray Robinson? Now 39, he is still at the top. The ex-world welter and ex-middleweight champion, he has won the latter title FIVE times—a record.

Smooth and assured, there never has been anyone quite like this ex-shoeshine boy, who rose from hunger and hard times to riches and world acclaim.

THE END

(London Express Service).

THE COMING CRICKET SEASON IN ENGLAND

By ARCHIE QUICK

As surely as the swallow is the harbinger of Spring, the first County Cricket press pass in my postbag—from Hampshire, of course—heralds the coming of summer, if not summery weather.

Essex will duly forward No. 2 Pass, and so, in the early days of February, drear and dank though they may be, thoughts turn to the summer game with the mellow name, the game of flannelled fools.

If it were not for the presence of the Australians this would indeed be a make-or-break year for county cricket. Fortunately, our foes and friends from Down Under will spare the interest that will give the game a reprieve for at least another year.

What happens thereafter is in the lap of the gods, as the MCC well know. Their awareness of a critical situation is underlined by their recent formation of a committee to enquire into how best to revive popularity for the county game up and down the country.

One simple remedy

Of course, if the professionals would only realise that their jobs are in jeopardy they would discover there is one simple remedy to cure all ills—hit the ball harder and more often.

This should be allied, of course, to less negative bowling. In the old days 400 runs here stumps were drawn was

the rule rather than the exception, and the crowds loved it. The West Indians in Australia have shown that it can still be done, and it is now up to County Committees and county captains to see that more enterprise is shown in the batting.

Away with averages

I would also like to see the Press stop publishing the batting and bowling averages. Professionals, unconsciously or not, keep one of their eyes on these when they go on the field.

Public enthusiasm still prevails in Nottingham, however, and the other day Secretary Ronnie Poulsen was telling me how disappointed the locals are at not being awarded an Australian Test Match this summer. It has gone to Warwickshire, and it must be confessed that the Birmingham organisation has converted the Edgbaston ground into just about the finest enclosure in the provinces. Better than Trent Bridge, Headingley or Old Trafford.

Chinks in the Australian armour have been revealed by the West Indians, weaknesses in their attack have been ruthlessly exposed, but when you come to think of it one has to be careful of one's head for English bowlers after you have put down the names of Fred Trueman and Brian Statham. Our spin attack may give cause for concern.

May for captain

As for the captaincy of England I feel certain it will go to Peter May again if he is fit and in form, despite his somewhat defensive approach.

Otherwise, poor Colin Cowdrey will be saddled with the burden, plus being asked to fill

the opening role he finds so distasteful. I do not agree that he should be superseded by the bright Ted Dexter. The Sussex man should be left to get on with his batting. I do not want to see this young man stifled by captaincy cares, and, anyhow, Cowdrey is the rightful heir, direct in the line of succession for a task he has carried out quite satisfactorily in May's absence.

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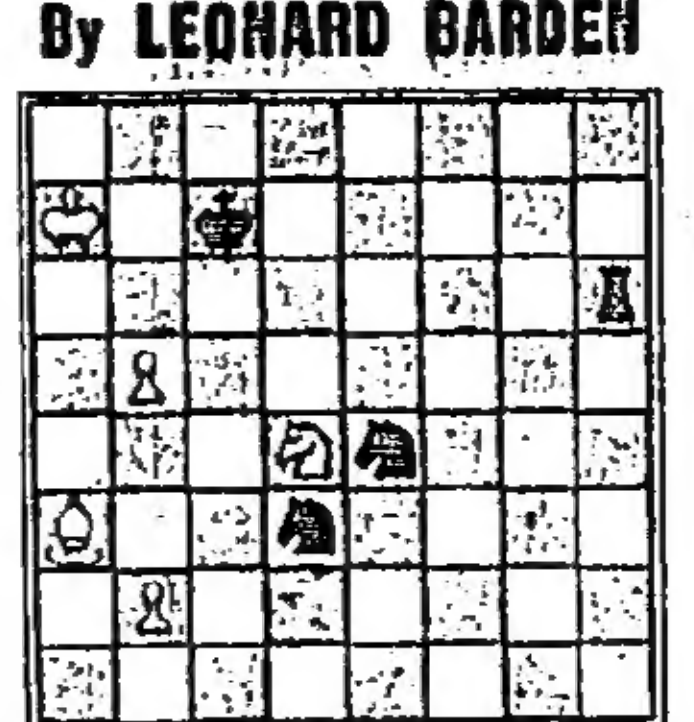
Lopez leaves for PL world title fight

New York, Feb. 8. Joey Lopez of Sacramento, California, left for Manila today where he challenges Elsie Elorde for the Filipino world juniors lightweight boxing title on March 4.

Lopez was accompanied by his manager Sylvester.—AFP.

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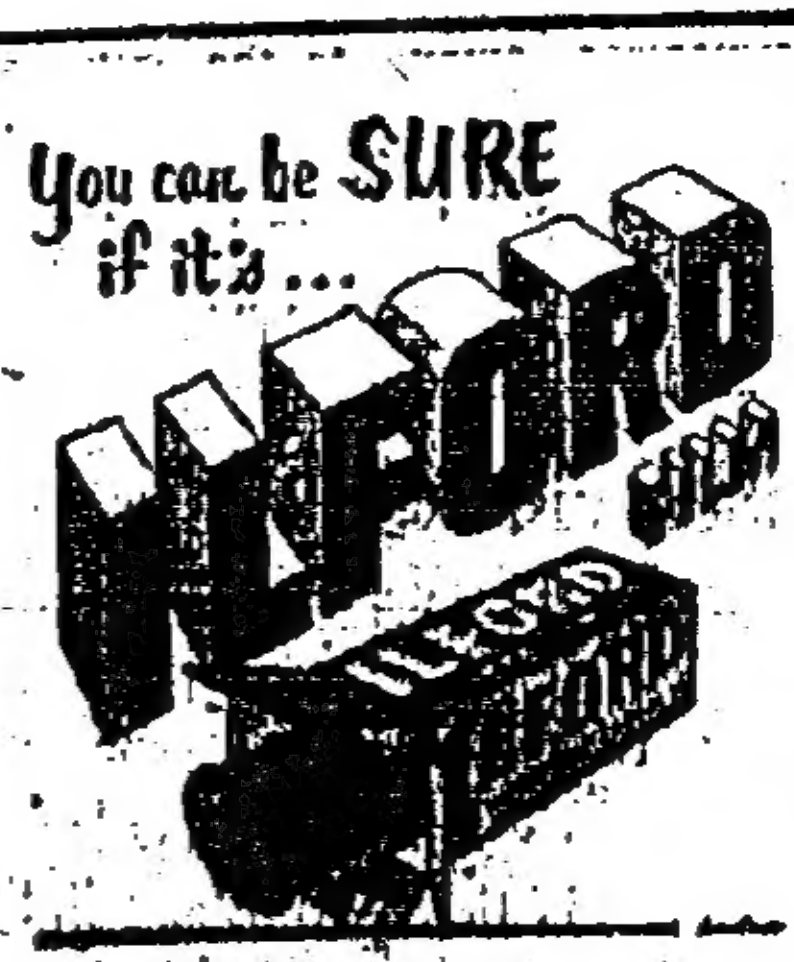
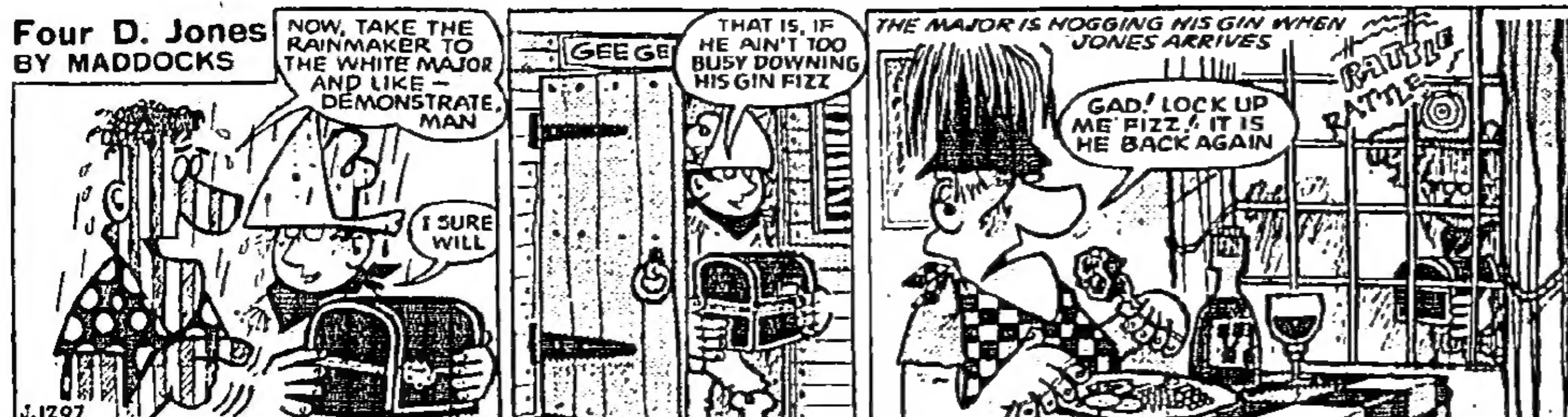
By LEONARD BARDEN



Here is an endgame study by Troitzky. White to play and draw. Clue: two knights alone are insufficient material for a mate.

Solution No. 5976: 1... Qxh3 ch: 2... Qxh3 mate.

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Artists at work on the wallpaper in the room of a tenement building near Kai Tak.



The wife of the firm's owner, Mrs. Hou, working on a wallpaper panel. She is putting a white base to the pattern before colouring it in. Mrs. Hou learned her art in Peking.

ARTISTS DESIGN WALLPAPER FOR FASHIONABLE OVERSEAS HOMES

by Sylvia da Costa Roque

They are known in London and their work can be seen in the elegant and "arty" homes of the most exclusive suburbs. A few months ago a feature article on them appeared in the London Times.

In America, which last year gave them more than HK\$100,000 worth of orders, they are known in practically every state and by practically every interior decorator.

Here in Hongkong, where they have been established for eight years, hardly anybody has ever heard of them.

Refugees

Who are they? A group of artists, refugees from China, who produce exquisite hand-painted silk wallpaper. The firm, which has its office in Mody-road, Kowloon, was started by a banker from Peking, Mr. Hou Wei, and his attractive artist wife.

The article in the Times was entitled, "I went to Hongkong for wallpaper." The author had seen the delicately painted paper in London's Belgrave. But when she arrived here, the only person who knew of the firm's existence was a publicity officer in the Government Information Service.

I found them through an advertisement in the Hongkong Trade Bulletin, the only advertising medium they use.

Regular advertisements in the Trade Bulletin gave Mr. Hou his first orders. Now he gets most of his business through personal recommendations.

Lut Americans, with their current craze for all things Oriental, are the firm's best customers, and supply 90% of the orders.

93 artists

In the last six months, 40 American guests signed the guest book in Mr. Hou's modern office, most of them being either artists or representatives of interior decorating firms.

Mr. Hou has about 93 artists working for him. Half work on scrolls and pictures. The rest work on the wallpaper.

Working from 8 am to 5 pm with shiftwork during the very busy periods, they can produce 150 panels of wallpaper, measuring 4 x 10 feet, a month.

A set of four panels, painted on silk in a basic Chinese pattern of flowers, birds, trees or landscapes, will cost approximately \$400. You can have your own design, but the price will rise if the pattern is very complicated.

The wallpaper itself is made by laminating pure silk onto a stiff paper background. The silk, originally cream, can be dyed to any colour.

The artists do occasionally paint on plain paper, but the silk gives a much lovelier effect.

Specialises

Each artist specialises in just one aspect of Chinese art, and it is very rare to get a panel painted by just the one person. One artist may specialise in painting birds, another flowers, another bamboo.

All the work on the wallpaper takes place in a small room on the third floor of a tenement house near Kai Tak Airport.

The artists themselves all around two large trestle tables surrounded by bins containing small forests of bamboo brushes, and a brilliant collection of paints.

Their lovely work which is enhancing homes throughout America and England, is produced in an atmosphere thick with the fumes of joss sticks and the wall of Chinese music.

MAN KILLED IN TRAFFIC MISHAP

Christmas Day accident

BRITON ON CARELESS DRIVING CHARGE

A man was fatally injured in a Christmas Day traffic accident in King's-road, Mr. I. T. Morris was told at Causeway Bay Court this morning.

Appearing on a charge of careless driving was an officer of the British Merchant Navy, Robert Porter, who gave his address as Butterfield and Swire officers Mess, Quarry Bay.

Porter, who pleaded not guilty, is represented by Mr. R. Hindmarsh of Stewart and Company.

RUNNING

Mr. Tullon Holmes Gomersall, a fellow officer who was in the car driven by Porter on the day of the accident, testified that they were driving from Wan-chai towards Shaukiwan along King's-road on Christmas Day at 5.35 pm.

Mr. Gomersall said that when they were at the junction of King's-road and Healthy-street East they saw a man running across the road from left to right, slightly towards them.

He added that the man was about 30 yards ahead in front of the car. The car was travelling at a speed of 30 mph and was travelling very near the tram line.

When the man, who was about 35 ft away from the pavement, almost reached the tram lines he turned around and doubled back.

Gomersall said that the car hit the man after he had taken two or three steps. He also said that Porter had applied his brakes and swerved to the right just before the impact.

The man fell on the bonnet of the car and shattered the windshield.

SKID MARKS

Insp. M. R. Atkinson, prosecuting, in a brief outline of the case said the car left skid marks that measured more than 100 ft.

Mr. A. H. Saffell instructed by Thomas Wong and Company is keeping a witness brief on behalf of the deceased's wife, Mrs. Wong Fung-chan.

Hearing was adjourned to March 6.

Lecture on Tibet

The Hongkong Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society are holding a lecture this evening at 6 p.m. in the Hongkong Club, at which Mr. Hugh Richardson, will speak on "Tibet as it was."

The lecture will be illustrated with slides.

Mr. Richardson is one of the acknowledged authorities on Tibet, and has spent most of his life there since 1930 when he first entered the Indian Civil Service.

He was appointed to the post of British Trade Agent, Gyantse and Officer-in-Charge, British Mission, Lhasa in 1936.

During the war he served in the North-West Frontier Police and later in Chungking and Delhi.

When the war was over he returned to his former post in Tibet, and when India became independent he was asked to remain with the Government of India as Officer-in-Charge, Indian Mission, Lhasa.

He retired from Government service in 1950.

Mr. Richardson will also lecture for the Institute of Oriental Studies at the University of Hongkong, Room 202, Main Building, on Friday, at 8.30 pm. The lecture will be open to the public, and will be illustrated with slides.



Capt. J. F. Wilson hands a packet to a girl at this morning's party on board the 'Pioneer Mart'—China Mail photo.

CHILDREN GET NEW YEAR TREAT ON U.S. SHIP

Twenty underprivileged children spent a happy hour on board the American steamer 'Pioneer Mart' this morning.

They were guests at a Chinese New Year party organised by the ship's master, Captain J. F. Wilson and his 56 crew.

Led by Sister Margaret Lum of French Convent Orphanage and three Social Welfare officers, 13 of the children came from the orphanage and the remainder from individual families.

During the visit the children were given refreshment, and each received gifts including toys and candy, and a parcel for Chinese New Year.

The 'Pioneer Mart', which arrived from Manila last night, will leave for Formosa and Japan tonight.

J.S.C. Neel donation

At the annual meeting of the Association of Secretaries in Hongkong held on Wednesday, it was decided to send a donation of twenty-five guineas to The Chartered Institute of Secretaries in London in memory of the late J. S. C. Neel, who was a Fellow of the Institute and a past Chairman of the local Association.

Departure of Mr. J. F. Saunders

The United Kingdom Trade Commissioner, Mr. J. F. Saunders, left yesterday on the Canton for his new post in Ceylon.

A Cambridge graduate, Mr. Saunders, now 50, began his career in the Indian Civil Service.

He was Trade Commissioner in Pakistan and Vancouver before coming to Hongkong on April 30, 1959.

His new post is United Kingdom Trade Commissioner in Ceylon.

His successor has not yet been officially announced.

KOWLOON BUILDING PROJECT

Mr. J. R. Oliver, President of Tenancy Tribunal with members, Mr. R. Sleep and Mr. Wang Chang-in, this morning heard an application to replace 138-140, Lai-chuk-ko-road, Kowloon with a modern six-storey structure costing \$140,000.

The applicants, Mr. Yu Tam and Mr. Ku Ki-yau, were represented by Mr. Leslie Wright, instructed by Lo and Lo. Mr. P. H. Ip, architect, produced plans for the re-development of the present site.

Tenants in the four-storey, 25-year-old houses were represented by Mr. Terence Shurlock, instructed by See and Liang; Miss Victoria Woo of P. L. Lam and Co, and Mr. Peter Wong, of Peter Wong and Co.

Hearing continues.

Land auction

A residential lot with an area of 4,000 sq ft at Weng Chuk Wan Au, Salkung, was sold for \$20,000 at a public auction at the District Office, Salkung, this morning. The upset price was \$25,000. The purchaser was Miss Fung Suk-kum of 72, Ewo-street, ground floor.

Later another residential lot measuring 4,000 sq ft at Tso Wo Hang, Salkung, was sold for \$21,000 to Mrs. T. M. Shui of 154 Austin-road, Flat D, third floor. The upset price was \$3,000.

From the Files
25 years AGO

February 1936

IMPERIAL Airways Ltd expects to open a regular air service between Singapore and Hongkong early in March. Experience indicates that conditions are extremely favourable and negotiations are progressing in a very amiable manner with regard to the question of crossing Indo-China.

It is learned that King Edward is continuing his rigorous life, despite the duties of Kingship. On Sunday, garbed in running shorts, he ran three miles in the royal grounds near Windsor.

IN February 1914, a squadron of German warships lay at anchor in Hongkong. The cruiser Karlsruhe, which is due here today, will be the first German warship to avail itself of the Colony's hospitality since that day.

In the current issue of Oriental Affairs, a suggestion is made for solving some of Hongkong's problems by British purchase of the reversion of the New Territories.

The journal argues that as the Central and Provincial Governments are in urgent need of funds, a mutually satisfactory agreement could be reached between Nanking and Canton regarding the apportionment of the money. Canton is rejected as derogatory in Chinese opinion, but "there could be nothing derogatory about a plain business transaction such as would be involved in the sale of a perpetual lease to the British Government."

THE MAN WITH 200 HARMONICAS TO GIVE AWAY

By BOB COUSENS

A man with magic in a little black box is in Hongkong this week.

When he opens it, he can produce a violin, a French horn, a flute or an oboe to delight musical audiences.

And, although he rates to be a pianist, he can produce a piano accordion.

All this is done with a tiny and much-underrated instrument called a harmonica—or, if you prefer, a mouth organ.

MASTERS The man who is one of only three in the world who have mastered this very difficult instrument, is Larry Logan.

He is dedicated to raising the harmonica to what he believes is its rightful place among the family of musical instruments—as an equal with the violin or the piano.

"The big trouble with the harmonica being accepted as a legitimate serious instrument is that it is so young," Mr. Logan said today.

"It was only invented in 1918, and since then so few people have mastered it that it is widely unknown."

"But I believe that in 30 years the harmonica will be as conventional in serious music as the violin or the piano is today," he said.

UNEXPLORED He said that Vaughn Williams and other leading composers had written works for the harmonica, including using the solo instrument in concertos.

"The harmonica is an unexplored instrument and playing it is a new art," Mr. Logan said. He said it was more difficult to play than the violin or a conventional wind instrument, because it was the only instrument in the world that was played while inhaling as well as exhaling.

But the range of colour was far greater than most other instruments.

Of this fact he gave a most convincing demonstration, varying from Bach to gipsy music and from Debussy to jazz in a moment, and every time producing incredibly sweet music to the ears of anyone who is used to hearing the mouth organ used in vaudeville acts.

SINCE SEVEN Mr. Logan explained that this was actually how he started himself.

"I have been playing the harmonica since I was seven," he said.

"One day someone bought me a chromatic harmonica and some records of Larry Adler."

"I was amazed that music like that could be played on the instrument, and I decided that I wanted to do the same."

"I started playing in New Orleans night clubs for no pay, and gradually started giving concerts," he said.

Now he is in the Far East under a specialist's grant from the U.S. State Department, and Hongkong is the second city on his itinerary after Taiwan.

"I have found the harmonica extremely popular in the Orient, and I am amazed at the amount of talent both here and in Formosa," he said.

INEXPENSIVE

"Boys and girls here start playing the harmonica for entertainment because it's an inexpensive instrument to buy," he explained.

"When I was a kid and had 15 or 20 cents to spend I would buy a harmonica rather than getting candy."

"Everyone in the neighbourhood used to have a harmonica then."

TO encourage local talent, Mr. Logan is carrying with him 200 chromatic harmonicas, which are both expensive and hard to obtain.

He conducts "music clinics" to help those interested in improving their playing, and gives the harmonicas away to the best students.

All this, he hopes, will teach people that the harmonica does not belong with the street-corner musician, but in a proud place with a full symphony orchestra.

Electric Co dividend

The directors of Hongkong Electric Co Ltd, announce that, at the meeting of shareholders on March 9, they will recommend a final dividend of \$1.10 a share.



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